

MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LAND USE MEETING ROOM
February 3, 2020

OPENING: The regular scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission opened at 7:00 p.m. Attendance is as follows:

Christopher Pratt, Chairman	Present
Dave MacWilliams, Vice Chairman	Present
Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner	Present
Brian Drenen, Commissioner	Absent
Brian Pranka, Commissioner	Present
Jerry Patria, Commissioner	Present
Maryssa Cook-Obregon	Present
Dennis Clark, Coordinator	Present

7:00 Chairman Pratt opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being recorded.

MINUTES

Vice Chairman MacWilliams made a motion to accept the minutes of January 6, 2020. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Dennis Beltis, 73 Summer Drive

Mr. Beltis attended the meeting concerning a quick claim deed for 129 and 131 North Lake Avenue. The property owners gated off a section of what is called Lilly Drive, a paper road, not allowing access to the lake. Coordinator Clark stated that the Conservation Commission does not control who owns properties. The quick claim could have been contested.

Mr. Jon Goddard, DPW

Mr. Goddard attended the meeting for a minor modification for DEP # 292-0299 for Nicholson Hill Road. The modification will include moving a culvert at a slight angle from north to south. The change will direct water away from the property on the corner of Nicholson Hill Road and Mort Vining Road. However, water will be directed over to a parcel that currently has wetlands. The current Order of Conditions is valid for a period of one more year. Mr. Goddard stated that the potential work will begin in the spring and will have a 3 week completion schedule. The project includes paving that section of Nicholson Hill Road. Commissioner Patria made a motion to approve the minor modification. Vice Chairman MacWilliams seconded the motion. Commissioner Pranka voted no as the property owner of the land that will be impacted from the culvert drainage was not notified of the change. Commissioner Mizanoglu and Commissioner Cook-Obregon voted yes. The motion passed by a majority of the Commission.

Mr. Paul Gagnon, Kestrel Land Trust
Mr. Gagnon attended the meeting to discuss the All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) that have been using the property. There is a sign that states “no motorized vehicles beyond this point”. However, that sign does not indicate that ATV’s are not allowed on the entirety of the property. Commissioner Patria will use duct tape to remove the “beyond this point” portion of the sign until new signs can be installed at the entrance points. The Kestrel Land Trust does not have a provision for specific signs nor sign sizes. The use of ATV’s are a violation of the Conservation Restriction. A total of 6 signs will be ordered.

DISCUSSION/REVIEW/ACTION ITEMS

61 & 63 College Highway – Enforcement Order Coordinator Clark stated that there had not been hay bales on the north side of the property. It appears that there is still work being done on the inside of the structures. Some grading is evident, but unless erosion controls are kept in place, there will still be a threat of runoff specifically during the spring thaw.

Granville & Fred Jackson Roads DEP#292-0362 Coordinator Clark stated that the project is still not completed as designed as of this meeting, and may not be completed until the spring.

MACC Annual Conference Coordinator Clark has reserved a Town car for the event. The Conservation Commission members will meet at Town Hall.

Pre Construction Site Visit The Greens East The Conservation Commissioners agreed to meet on Saturday February 8th at 8:30 am for the site visit.

DEP # 292-0366 112 Sunny Side Road Vice Chairman MacWilliams was appointed as a liaison between Mr. Greg Kudlic and the Conservation Commission for restitution in lieu of a fine. Vice Chairman MacWilliams will suggest the installation of railings on the walkway for ADA compliancy at the swamp to the rear of Town Hall.

Certificate of Compliance 12 Noble Steed Crossing DEP # 292-0280 Coordinator Clark presented the Request for the Certificate of Compliance. There will be an ongoing condition for the subdivision for wetland review. Each parcel will be required to submit an RDA or NOI dependent on the extent of wetlands. Vice Chairman MacWilliams made a motion to approve the Partial Certificate of Compliance for 12 Noble Steed. Chairman seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Certificate of Compliance 18 Vining Hill Road DEP # 292-0331 The Request for the Certificate of Compliance included an exclusion of the house on the lot which includes APR

land. Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance. Vice Chairman MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Alum treatment Funding Chairman Pratt stated that there is a new estimate for the treatment of approximately \$800,000.00 due to resided areas of treatments. The funding issue will be brought before the CPC at their next meeting.

Trail Grant Coordinator Clark stated that the Trail Grant has been submitted with the removal of composting toilets and may be revised for the inclusion of trash receptacles.

250th Celebration Vice Chairman MacWilliams and Commissioner Pranka will work on ideas and design for a Conservation Commission float for the 250th Town Celebration.

Agricultural Preservation Restriction The Conservation Commission issued a letter requesting that the Select Board support adding APR approval to the existing electronic permit tracking system. The tracking system will ensure that no building permits will be issued for APR land that is designated as farm land for perpetuity.

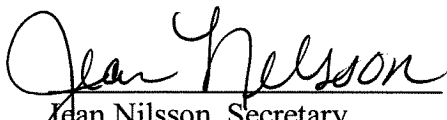
Annual Town Report The Conservation Commissioners reviewed the Annual Town Report for 2019.

Mr. Norman Cheever, LMC

LMC Report Mr. Cheever attended the meeting. The Lake Management Committee had no new updates.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for March 2, 2020

Respectfully submitted,


Jean Nilsson, Secretary
cc:

Select Board
Town Clerk

Christopher Pratt, Chairman

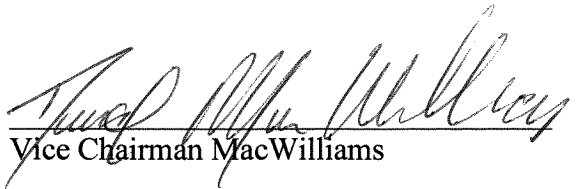


Jerry Patria, Commissioner

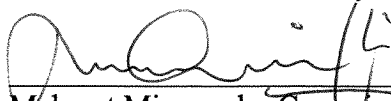


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Vice Chairman MacWilliams



Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner



Brian Pranka, Commissioner

3/2/2020

Date