

MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LAND USE MEETING ROOM
March 2, 2020

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

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

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

MINUTES

Commissioner Drenen made a motion to accept the minutes of February 3, 2020. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Seth Girace, Property Owner
Mr. Bob Cennamo, Installer

353 North Loomis Mr. Girace attended the meeting concerning a repair septic system installation that was installed less than 200 feet from a brook. Coordinator Clark conducted a site visit and measured the point of installation to the water bank at 75 feet to the silt fence and 40 feet to the septic tank. Mr. Girace explained that the proper paperwork was not filed with the Board of Health as instructions to proceed with the repair were directed by his real estate agent after several potential sales were not finalized. The records from the Board of Health did not have an approved septic system plan and the application for the installation was only completed after Mr. Cennamo called for a final inspection. The Conservation Commission members agreed that Mr. Girace should have completed the proper paperwork; however, as the installation was completed the area will need to be seeded immediately to stabilize the ground so no debris goes into the brook. If the Board of Health issues a permit for the work under Title 5 the work is exempt from the Rivers Protection Act. If the Board of Health does not issue a permit the work is not exempt and is in violation of the Rivers Protection Act.

Ms. Melissa Coady, Tighe & Bond

Mr. David Asken, Eversource

RDA Eversource Line 1512 Vice Chairman MacWilliams read the public hearing notice as posted in the Westfield News on 2/20/2020. Ms. Coady explained that the project was for structural replacement of poles from wood to metal. The poles to be replaced require stabilization of the ground for heavy equipment to reach the sites. The area in question is located about 10 to 15 feet from a stream. The work surface will be a stone construction and graded away from the stream which will remain vegetated. Work will begin on March 23rd, and take approximately 30 days. Commissioner Patria made a motion for a negative determination on the project. Commissioner Pranka seconded the motion. The vote of the Commission was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Glenn Falcetti, Contractor

RDA 105 Lakeview Street Mr. Falcetti presented a plan for an addition of a garage at the location. The garage will be 20 feet by 24 feet located at the end of the existing dwelling approximately 66 feet from the lake shore. There will be some dirt removed, but no trees will be cut. Commissioner Drenen made a motion for a negative determination, provided Mr. Falcetti place erosion control in such a manner that material does not go underneath the silt fencing, and it is placed as close to the 50 foot buffer as possible. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

NOI DEP #292-0371 7 & 9 Lakeview Street & 90 Point Grove Road There was no one in attendance for this public hearing. The legal ad will need to be reposted for the next scheduled meeting on March 16th.

250th Celebration The Conservation Commission members agreed to create a float representing conservation land for the parade in October. Shirts will also be ordered for each member that will ride the float.

DEP# 292-0251 Congamond Lakes Coordinator Clark received a request from Lake Management Committee to extend the Order of Conditions which expire 6/2020. The Conservation Commission will await an explanation from a member of the Lake Management Committee at the next scheduled meeting.


Vessel Lifts on Lake Congamond The Conservation Commission discussed the inclusion of lifts for boats and jet skis. They have not been part of the permitting process for the Local Permitting Program, but have been included on the 2020 application as a no charge item. Once the data is collected from the applications, the Conservation Commission will issue a questioner for specific information such as size, electric, hydraulic ect. which will help in establishing regulations for lifts and the possibility of fees. There has been a measurable increase in lifts on the lakes in recent years.

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Respectfully submitted,

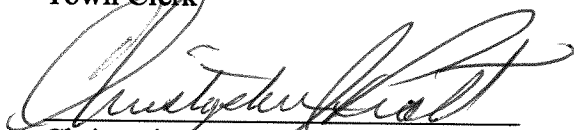


Jean Nilsson, Secretary

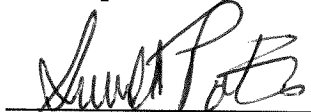
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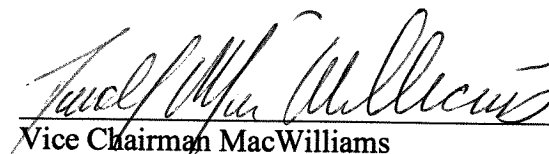
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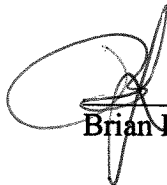
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Date

3/16/2020