

**MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LAND USE MEETING ROOM
March 4, 2019**

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

Christopher Pratt, Chairman	Present
Seth Kellogg, Vice, Chairman	Absent
Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner	Present
Dave MacWilliams, Commissioner	Present
Brian Drenen, Commissioner	Present
Brian Pranka, Commissioner	Present
Jerry Patria, Commissioner	Present
Dennis Clark, Coordinator	Present

7:00 Chairman Pratt opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Commissioner Drenen made a motion to accept the minutes of February 4, 2019. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

7:28 NOI 13 North Pond Road DEP #292-0363 The Conservation Commission received an email from Sofia Bitzas, R. Levesque Associates Inc requesting a continuation of the public hearing until the next available Conservation Commission meeting. Commissioners Pranka and Patria did a site visit and found the property to have a very steep slope. It would be difficult to keep material from entering the lake during construction. The plans also included clear cutting in close proximity to the lake. Comments were also issued from Mr. Grannells, DPW, with concerns relative to storm water, roof run off and the steep slope. Chairman Pratt made a motion to grant a continuation until March 18, 2019. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/REVIEW

Ms. Larisa Mironoa, AAA Homes

Enforcement Order 61 & 63 College Highway Commissioner MacWilliams read a statement from Sofia Bitzas, Director of Operations at R. Levesque Associates, Inc. The statement requested an extension on the Enforcement Order. Hay bales and a silt fence was installed prior to the meeting, however, due to the ground being frozen, the fencing may not be sufficient to withhold material from entering the roadway, or crossing the street into a wetland stream. Ms. Mironoa stated that additional hay bales and silt fencing will be installed. The Conservation Commission members agreed to a site visit on March 5th at 9:00 to review the site and make recommendations. Coordinator Clark suggested that a double silt fence with additional hay bales be installed. The Planning Board has a scheduled hearing for the storm water plan on March 26th. Commissioner MacWilliams made a motion for a continuation of the

Enforcement Order until April 1st provided measures are taken now to control the erosion issues. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

142 Berkshire Avenue Coordinator Clark noted that Mr. Scuderi did not pick up the certified letter concerning the dock at this property. The Conservation Commission requested that Coordinator Clark contact Mr. Scuderi.

North Pond Jet Ski Coordinator Clark advised the Committee members that the legal ad for the restriction is being posted. Ten days after the ad is published, the restriction for all jet skis on North Pond will be in effect.

Violation Fee Account Coordinator Clark was notified that Town Council will need to make a determination on the establishment of such an account. Coordinator Clark will contact the Select Board office for permission to contact Town Counsel.

Sofonowski Landscaping Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to issue letters to Southwick landscaping businesses for a cost estimate to revitalize the sign and kiosk at the Sofonowski Land Preserve. Applicants are asked to landscape the two areas with minimal maintenance throughout the growing season. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

MOU – Suffield CT Chairman Pratt attended a Select Board meeting for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Suffield. Suffield will pay \$2,000.00 per year, with increases in future years. As of this meeting, a copy of the MOU has not been forwarded to the Conservation Commission office.

MA Open Space Conference The Commissioners received a copy of the conference details to be held on April 27th. It is free of charge to all Conservation Commission members.

MACC Annual Conference The Commissioners in attendance at the conference stated that it was very informative. Commissioner Mizanoglu brought back pamphlets which are available in the Conservation Commission office for review.

North Pond Land Coordinator Clark stated that the proposed Conservation Restriction for the North Pond land include a parking area, port-a-potties, and walking trails. The revised Conservation Restriction is being prepared for review.

61 & 63 College Highway Enforcement Order Coordinator Clark presented pictures of the building site and noted that a silt fence and hay bales had been placed along College Highway. It did not appear that any recent work has been done on the buildings. R. Levesque & Associates requested via email an extension for the Storm Water Management Plan until after meeting with the Planning Board. A second silt fence and trenching the existing silt fence will be added to the Enforcement Order.

Commissioner Pranka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for April 1, 2019

Respectfully submitted,



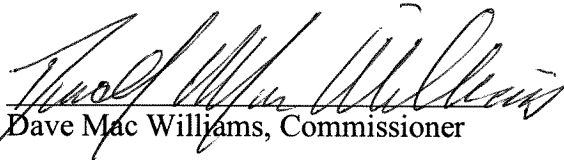
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Select Board
Town Clerk

Christopher Pratt, Chairman





Seth Kellogg, Vice Chairman

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Date