

MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REMOTE PARTICIPATION
March 15, 2021

OPENING: The remote Zoom meeting is being held in pursuant to the Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, F.L. C.30A, 18 and the Governor's March 15, 2020 order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place.

Christopher Pratt, Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and announced the Commissioners who were in attendance names, time and date of the meeting, and that the meeting was being recorded.

ATTENDANCE

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

Also in attendance was:

Norman Cheever, Lake Management Committee
Rob Levesque & Ryan Nelson, R. Levesque & Associates
Steve Salvini, Prime AE Group Inc.
Jon Goddard, JG Site Services LLC
Andrew Solek, Crestview
Kevin Solek, 115 Fred Jackson Road

MINUTES

Commissioner Drenen made a motion to accept the minutes of March 1, 2021. Chairman Pratt seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Christopher Pratt	yes	David MacWilliams	yes
Brian Drenen	yes	Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes
Jerry Patria	yes		

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Jon Goddard JG Site Services LLC

NOI 56 & 56A Berkshire Avenue DEP # 292- 0377 Chairman Pratt opened the continuation of the Public Hearing. Mr. Goddard stated that the project needs to address comments from the DPW and requested a continuation. Chairman Pratt made a motion to approve a continuation. Vice Chairman MacWilliams seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Christopher Pratt	yes	David MacWilliams	yes
Brian Drenen	yes	Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes
Jerry Patria	yes		

Mr. Steve Salvini Prime AE Group Inc.

NOI 157 Feeding Hills Road DEP # 292-0380 Chairman Pratt opened the Public Hearing by reading the legal notice as posted in The Reminder Publications on March 5, 2021. Mr. Salvini explained the project as the construction of 3 gazebos for additional outdoor dining. The gazebos will be 20 X 15 and 10 X 15 on top of pavers. However, Mr. Salvini did not have sufficient time to review the comments from DEP and requested a continuation of the hearing. There were members of the public who wished to comment. Mr. Ron and Mrs. Cathy Sena, abutting neighbors, were concerned with the riverfront access by customers and remarked that there is a path that does go to the river which at times can be a hazard potential customers accessing the water. Another abutter Mr. Ron McCassey stated that outdoor dining is an invitation to people using the walking path to the brook, and that there is the issue of additional storage area. Though part of the complex, the Conservation Commission does not have jurisdiction relative to structures outside of the flood plain. Commissioner Mizanoglu noted that he was concerned with patrons depositing trash, or animals accessing trash receptacles. The Conservation Commission members suggested that the plan include mitigation such as a rain garden or planting for compensation of disturbance in the flood plain. As there were no other public comments, Chairman Pratt made a motion to approve the continuation of the Public Hearing until the next scheduled meeting on April 5, 2021. Vice Chairman MacWilliams seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Christopher Pratt	yes	David MacWilliams	yes
Brian Drenen	yes	Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes
Jerry Patria	yes		

Mr. Ryan Nelson, R. Levesque & Associates

Mr. Kevin Solek, Property Owner

NOI DEP# 292-0374 115 Fred Jackson Road Chairman Pratt opened the continuation of the Public Hearing. Mr. Nelson requested another continuation of the Public Hearing as the comments from the NHESP. Mr. Nelson also stated that the USGS map showed the stream as intermittent, not perennial. There may also be an issue of a reviewing a Deed Restriction which would delay the ability to approve the project by the next scheduled meeting. Chairman Pratt made a motion to continue the hearing until April 5, 2021. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Christopher Pratt	yes	David MacWilliams	yes
Brian Drenen	yes	Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes
Jerry Patria	yes		

Ryan Nelson, R. Levesque & Associates

ANRAD 686 College Highway DEP # 292-0378 Chairman Pratt opened a continuation of the Public Hearing. Mr. Nelson requested a continuation of the hearing as a parcel on 34 Feeding Hills Road will need to be added to the ANRAD. Chairman Pratt made a motion to approve a continuation until April 5, 2021. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Christopher Pratt	yes	David MacWilliams	yes
Brian Drenen	yes	Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes
Jerry Patria	yes		

NEW BUSINESS

Request for a Certificate of Compliance DEP #292-0365 17 Noble Steed Crossing Coordinator Clark conducted a site visit and noted that the boulders are in place and the stone wall is in compliance with the Order of Conditions. Chairman Pratt made a motion to approve the project and sign the Certificate of Compliance,. Vice Chairman MacWilliams seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Christopher Pratt	yes	David MacWilliams	yes
Brian Drenen	yes	Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes
Jerry Patria	yes		

MACC Annual Conference Commission members received an application for the annual MACC conference which is being held virtually this year.

Andrew Solek, Project Manager

The Greens East Erosion Control Andrew Solek presented photos of a wetland area that vehicles had gone through the buffer zone. Mr. Solek stated that the issue was one employee that drove a heavy equipment vehicle and has been notified of the restriction. The area has since been regraded with silt fencing installed. Natural vegetation has also grown back. Mr. Solek assured the Conservation Commission that the issue will never happen again. Mr. Solek presented jpgs of the area of the proposed culvert. It was shown to be dry and ready for erosion control and waterline placement.

Lake Management Committee Mr. Cheever, LMC, stated that the boat house at the north ramp was proceeding through a grant from the State. Mr. Cheever also made note that he heard that the Agricultural Commission was working with the farmers that draw irrigation water from the lake to assure that they are duly notified when chemicals are going to be introduced into the lakes. The irrigation practice is normally used only during drought years. Mr. Cheevers stated that the LMC is looking into how much water can be legally drained by the farmers. Mr. Cheever also noted that the 2021 LPP application is not the same as the previous year. Coordinator Clark remarked that The Conservation Commission will be happy to work with the LMC on the application for the 2022 boating season as they do every year.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Hearing Schedule The Committee members were reminded that the scheduled appointment for the Conservation Commission budget March 20th at 8:30 am. The hearings will be held via Zoom.

Town Hall Meeting Protocol As of this meeting, the Covid-19 is still impacting the ability for a return to meetings being conducted within the Town Hall Building. Mr. Moglin, Select Board Chairman, stated that discussion will begin for in person meetings. The Select Board will only approve in person if it is safe to do so. The issue is with public participation and group meeting limits.

Trails Grant Status Vice Chairman MacWilliams informed the Commissioners that Andrey Belyshev a Boy Scout is volunteering to take on the North Pond Conservation Area Trails Grant Project as an Eagle Scout Project. Grants have been applied for from the Commonwealth and the Community Preservation Committee.

As there was no further business to discuss, Commissioner Drenen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote of the Commission was as follows:

Christopher Pratt	yes	David MacWilliams	yes
Brian Drenen	yes	Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes
Jerry Patria	yes		

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission is 04/5/21.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Nilsson, Secretary
cc:

Select Board
Town Clerk

Christopher Pratt, Chairman

Vice Chairman MacWilliams

Jerry Patria, Commissioner

Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner

Brian Drenen, Commissioner

Brian Pranka, Commissioner

Maryssa Cook-Obregon, Commissioner

Date