

MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
HYBRID PARTICIPATION
September 19, 2022

OPENING: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission opened at 7:00 via hybrid. Chairman MacWilliams announced the names, time and date of the meeting, and stated that the meeting was being recorded.

ATTENDANCE

David MacWilliams, Chairman	Present
Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner	Present
Brian Drenen, Commissioner	Present
Jerry Patria, Commissioner	Present (Zoom)
Kevin Solek	Absent
Andy Reardon	Present (Zoom)
Norman Cheever	Present

The Conservation Commission welcomed their new member Norman Cheever.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Maryssa Cook-Obregon, 126 South Loomis Street, commented about the August 30th meeting concerning North Pond. Mrs. Cook-Obregon noted that Chairman Fox, Select Board, related that the meeting was productive and more meetings will be held in the future. However, MASS DEP was not in attendance as there were no wetland violations. Chairman MacWilliams related information that the Town was in good standing. The events taking place on the property are not unusual for other properties managed by Mass Fish & Wildlife. Erosion issues will need to be addressed with the possibility of plantings or/and the installation of large boulders where motorized vehicles access the property. There is no condition on the Conservation Restriction to eliminate vessels from accessing the shore. Mass Fish & Wildlife expressly prohibits the installation of a porta-potty on their portion of land.

MINUTES

Chairman MacWilliams made a motion to table the minutes of August 29, 2022. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. The roll call vote of the Commission was unanimous in favor.

David MacWilliams	yes	Brian Drenen	yes
Andy Reardon	not in attendance at the time of the vote	Jerry Patria	yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes	Norman Cheever	yes

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mark & Teresa Tulyholowycz Property Owners

RDA 8 Shore Road Proposed Tree Removal Chairman MacWilliams opened the continuation of the Public Hearing. A site visit was conducted with Coordinator Pooler, Commissioners Reardon, Cheever and Chairman MacWilliams. The trees are leaning towards the dwellings and are approximately 54 feet from the shoreline. Once the trees are removed, the roots will remain to stabilize the ground and plantings will be replacing on a one to one ratio for the removed trees. Coordinator Pooler will create a list to suggest indigenous replacement plants. Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion for a negative determination. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

David MacWilliams yes

Brian Drenen yes

Andy Reardon yes

Jerry Patria yes

Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

Norman Cheever yes

NEW BUSINESS

26 Island Way The property owner nor a representative was present for the meeting.

14 Beach Road Certificate of Compliance Coordinator Pooler conducted a site visit and determined that the project was in compliance and recommended the Certificate of Compliance be approved. Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion for approval. Commissioner Cheever seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

David MacWilliams yes

Brian Drenen yes

Andy Reardon not available at the time of the vote

Jerry Patria yes

Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

Norman Cheever yes

LMC LPP Update Commissioner Cheever related that a team will be created to review the E-coli lake issue to develop a testing plan for the entire lake, not just the Town Beach. There were concerns with the possible contribution of E-coli from 141 Congamond Road as there are no alarms on the pump system. Chairman Grannells, LMC, will do a dye test.

Rebecca Li, R. Levesque & Associates

Dana Cockrin, Owner

North Pond Road – 3 Year Extension Ms. Li explained that there was not a significant enough change to warrant a refile of the NOI. The dwelling size has been decreased and is further away from the resource area and access is no longer going to be through

the neighboring property. The retaining wall will be constructed first to prevent any silt from entering the lake and tree stumps will remain and replanting will be done. However, revised plan will need to include the replacement plantings. Ms. Cockrin, stated that there were several members that had conducted an onsite visit and found no issue with the proposal. Mr. Les Mannis, 205 Old Farm Lane West Suffield, stated that drains from the roof runoff will be directed to dry wells. Commissioner Drenen was at a site visit and noted that this plan would be the most compliant for the property, and made a motion to review the revised proposal which will include the plantings at the next scheduled meeting. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

David MacWilliams yes
Andy Reardon yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

Brian Drenen yes
Jerry Patria yes
Norman Cheever yes

Noble Steed Violation Coordinator Pooler conducted a site visit with Mr. Brown, DPW, and informed Mr. Saltmarsh the corrective measures need to be taken immediately.

14 Shore Road Coordinator Pooler stated that there is no update on that issue.

Maryssa Cook-Obregon, Vice Chairman Agricultural Commission

Dana Guay, 173 Mort vining

Sofonowski Land Preserve Ms. Guay attended the meeting to relate a work date of Oct 16th at 10:00 in conjunction with the Agricultural Committee. There are two main areas of concern which would allow for better/more access to the ponds. Mrs. Cook-Obregon stated that equipment will be provided. All volunteers will be welcome.

Sub Committee Coordinator Pooler related that the proposed Committee will need to be under the prevue of the Select Board or the Conservation Commission. As the matter relates to conservation land, it would likely be better that the Conservation Commission manage/oversee the proposed Committee. Commissioner Mizanoglu suggested that the Committee be referred to as Conservation Lands Management Commission (CLMC) and review all four conservation properties.

Building & Facilities Chairman MacWilliams had a discussion with Mr. Sutton concerning trash pickup by Town employees. The Conservation Commission land maintenance budget can be utilized. It was suggested that students conduct a cleanup as part of their volunteer service hours for National Honor Society.

Vice Chairman Chairman MacWilliams noted that the Vice Chairman position for the Conservation Commission needs to be voted on. Commissioner Patria nominated

Commissioner Cheever as he has been involved with conservation issues as his role in LMC and is a very dedicated individual. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous in favor.

David MacWilliams yes

Andy Reardon yes

Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

Brian Drenen yes

Jerry Patria yes

Norman Cheever yes

Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. The roll call vote of the Commission was unanimous in favor:

David MacWilliams yes

Andy Reardon yes

Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

Brian Drenen yes

Jerry Patria yes

Norman Cheever yes

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Nilsson, Secretary

cc:

Select Board

Town Clerk

Dave MacWilliams, Chairman

Norman Cheever, Vice Chairman

Jerry Patria, Commissioner

Brian Drenen, Commissioner

Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner

Kevin Solek, Commissioner

Andy Reardon, Commissioner

Date