

**MINUTES  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
REMOTE PARTICIPATION  
February 7, 2022**

**OPENING:** The regular scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission opened at 7:00 via Zoom only. 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	Absent
Brian Drenen, Vice Chairman	Present
Brian Pranka, Commissioner	Present
Jerry Patria, Commissioner	Present
Kevin Solek	Present
Maryssa Cook-Obregon	Present

Acting Conservation Commission Coordinator Dennis Clark was also in attendance.

**MINUTES**

Vice Chairman Drenen made a motion to accept the minutes of January 3, 2022. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Mr. Tom Saunders Energy Development Partners

Ms. Connie Lu, Project Engineer

Mr. Ed Avizinis, Environmental Consultant

**Hudson Drive NOI DEP # 292-0396** Chairman MacWilliams opened the continuation of the Public Hearing. Members of the Conservation Commission and Mr. Clark conducted a site visit on February 25<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that there would be no change in the road crossing over the river and the storm water run off area which appears to be a natural depression with no work being done in that area. Mr. Saunders reviewed the DEP comments with the Commission and addressed all the relative issues. Chairman MacWilliams was concerned with battery storage as it will be located in a resource area. Mr. Saunders noted that the storage area is 630 feet from Slab Brook and outside of the 200 river front area. The storage area will be about the area of 2 to 4 shipping containers placed on a concrete pad or footings. Commissioner Patria made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams    yes  
Mehmet Mizanoglu    yes  
Jerry Patria    yes  
Kevin Solek    yes

Brian Drenen    yes  
Brian Pranka    abstained  
Maryssa Cook-Obregon    yes

Commissioner Patria made a motion to accept the project with standard conditions and a \$10,000.00 bond. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams    yes  
Mehmet Mizanoglu    yes  
Jerry Patria    yes  
Kevin Solek    yes

Brian Drenen    yes  
Brian Pranka    abstained  
Maryssa Cook-Obregon    yes

**370 North Loomis Street DEP #292-393**

Mr. Ryan Nelson, R. Levesque & Associates

Chairman MacWilliams read an emailed letter received February 6, 2022 stating that the Notice of Intent was withdrawn without prejudice from the applicants. Chairman MacWilliams made a motion to accept the withdrawal without prejudice. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams    yes  
Mehmet Mizanoglu    yes  
Jerry Patria    yes  
Kevin Solek    yes

Brian Drenen    yes  
Brian Pranka    yes  
Maryssa Cook-Obregon    yes

**110, 112, 138R Hillside Road DEP # 292-0390**

Mr. Ryan Nelson, R. Levesque & Associates

Chairman MacWilliams opened the continuation of the Public Hearing. The original wetland determination through an RDA has since expired. Mr. Nelson filed the ANRAD which is a delineation of wetlands on the property. All wetland flags had been reinstalled or added. Ms. Kate Bednaz, Freshwater Services, was appointed to review the plans and conduct a site visit to ensure that all the wetlands on the property have been flagged. Ms. Bednaz did submit a letter outlining the approximate 1,200 flagged area. Mr. Nelson stated that there are project plans for development of the property and will send an updated plan specifying the date as 1/18/22. Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Vice Chairman Drenen seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams    yes  
Mehmet Mizanoglu    yes  
Jerry Patria    yes  
Kevin Solek    yes

Brian Drenen    yes  
Brian Pranka    yes  
Maryssa Cook-Obregon    yes

Chairman MacWilliams made a motion to accept the delineation as presented. Vice Chairman Drenen seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams    yes  
Mehmet Mizanoglu    yes  
Jerry Patria    yes  
Kevin Solek    yes

Brian Drenen    yes  
Brian Pranka    yes  
Maryssa Cook-Obregon    yes

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Steve Salvini, Salvini Associates

Mr. Art SOMETHIGN

**Crapes Tea House** Mr. Salvini explained that the supplier that was to provide the helical piers was shut down for the season and requested a minor change in the Order of Conditions to switch to sona tubes. Commissioner Solek made a motion to accept the change. Chairman MacWilliams seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams    yes

Brian Drenen    yes

Mehmet Mizanoglu    yes

Brian Pranka    yes

Jerry Patria    yes

Maryssa Cook-Obregon    yes

Kevin Solek    yes

**2022 LPP Application** Members of the Lake Management Committee requested a change in the form to include the “owner” of registered vessels. The Conservation Commission is the administrators of the program which permits docks, registered vessels, structures ect on Congamond Lakes. Mr. Cheever would prefer that no stickers get issued unless the application is completed. Approximately 50% of the applications are submitted incomplete. If every one is returned, it would be costly in reference to time and postage and will not ensure that the applicant would return the application completed a second time. The LMC, an advisory Board, will not approve the form until after their meeting. However, the applications are mailed the week of February 21<sup>st</sup> and the Conservation Commission does not meet again until March 7<sup>th</sup>. Chairman MacWilliams made a motion to approve the application as presented. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams    yes

Brian Drenen    yes

Mehmet Mizanoglu    yes

Brian Pranka    yes

Jerry Patria    yes

Maryssa Cook-Obregon    yes

Kevin Solek    yes

**FY Budget 2023** The budget hearing will be held March 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. The individual line items were reviewed and agreed that every item be level funded with one exception with additional funds being entered into the consultant budget. The intent would be to have Mr. Clark remain as a consultant to cover the transition to the new Conservation Commission Coordinator once they are retained.

Commissioner Pranka made a motion to present the budget as level funded. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams    yes

Brian Drenen    yes

Mehmet Mizanoglu    yes

Brian Pranka    yes

Jerry Patria    yes

Maryssa Cook-Obregon    yes

Kevin Solek    yes

**Town Beach** Chairman MacWilliams received a request from Park & Rec for the type of sand allowed to be added to their beach. Mr. Clark suggested that sand come from the lake to replace the sand that was washed away through a vacuum system to replace the sand that was washed away. Park & Rec needs to do research on what type of sand is allowable and a plan on how

much, where etc. Park & Rec will need to submit an RDA or NOI for this project. Chairman MacWilliams will contact Park & Rec with a request for more information.

**72 Mort Vining Road** The Conservation Commission received a request for a Right of First Refusal on the property owned by Mr. Art Pinell. However, the complete application was not forwarded. To vote on removing land from Chapter 61A, documents must include a copy of a valid Purchase and Sale agreement between seller and buyer. A request will be made to the Select Board office for the document. Chairman Hansen, 153 Vining Hill Road, Agricultural Commission, stated that it will be discussed at their next meeting, but they do not have any more information than what was presented to the Conservation Commission. Commissioner Cook-Obregon reiterated information on the development of farm land in the area and would like the Conservation Commission to consider the retention of land as a matter of preservation which will include wildlife migration.

**Request for Certificate of Compliance DEP# 292-0373** xxx College Highway. Mr. Clark made a recommendation for issuance of the Certificate of Compliance and release of the bond. Chairman MacWilliam made a motion to find the applicant compliant with their Order of Conditions and for the release of their bond. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams	yes	Brian Drenen	yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes	Brian Pranka	yes
Jerry Patria	yes	Maryssa Cook-Obregon	yes
Kevin Solek	yes		

**Annual Town Report** Chairman MacWilliams stated that the report was forwarded to the members, reviewed and submitted to the Select Board office.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Lake Protocol** The Conservation Commission received a revised copy of the proposed protocol. Mr. Cheever explained the proposal which includes a no wake policy and when the lake may be closed to boating due to a high water level which has the potential to destroy shore line. Commissioner Patria made a motion to approve the protocol. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams	yes	Brian Drenen	yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes	Brian Pranka	yes
Jerry Patria	yes	Maryssa Cook-Obregon	yes
Kevin Solek	yes		

Mr. Cheever also discussed the proposal to install a marina at the former Craby Joe's location. There is an issue with parking spaces as well as docks that will be insufficient for boats.

**Conservation Commission Coordinator** The position is still pending.

**Noble Steed and 22 Babb Road** Chairman MacWilliams stated that both were in compliance with the Enforcement Orders.

As there was no further business to discuss, Commissioner PatriaMizanoglu made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35. Vice Chairman Drenen seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams    yes  
Mehmet Mizanoglu    yes  
Jerry Patria        yes  
Kevin Solek        yes

Brian Drenen    yes  
Brian Pranka    yes  
Maryssa Cook-Obregon    yes

Respectfully submitted,

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Jean Nilsson, Secretary

cc:  
Select Board  
Town Clerk

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Dave MacWilliams, Chairman

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Brian Drenen, Vice Chairman

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Jerry Patria, Commissioner

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Brian Pranka, Commissioner

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Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner

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Kevin Solek, Commissioner

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Maryssa Cook-Obregon, Commissioner

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Date