

**MINUTES  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
LAND USE MEETING ROOM  
March 6, 2017**

**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
Frank Soleimani, Commissioner	Present
Mehmet Mizanoglu Commissioner	Absent
Dave MacWilliams Commissioner	Present
Brian Drenen Commissioner	Present
Brian Pranka Commissioner	Present
Dennis Clark, Coordinator	Present

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7:00 Christopher Pratt, Chairman, opened the meeting.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner MacWilliams made a motion to accept the minutes of 02/06/17. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

**ATTENDANCE**

7:16 **25 Industrial Road NOI** The Conservation Commission received a written request from Mr. Jon Goddard, R. Levesque Associates, to continue the hearing until the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Continuation approved.

**DISCUSSION**

**107 South Loomis Street** Coordinator Clark stated that the timeline for submitting a plan in the Enforcement Order was extended to 03/20/17.

**5 Kline Road** Coordinator Clark conducted a site visit and found some of the silt fencing was disrupted. Coordinator Clark will notify the owner that the fencing will have to be reestablished.

**27 Eagle Street** Coordinator Clark stated the applicant for the Order of Conditions is still looking for construction information for the existing retaining wall. It is possible that the structure will need to be terraced due to lack of information regarding the foundation for the existing wall.

**9 Lakeview Street** Coordinator Clark stated that the property owner is requesting a fourth dock. The property has 299 feet of frontage with no dwelling. The property owner submitted an LPP payment for 4 docks and 7 boats. There may be a navigation problem with the placement of the docks due to the narrow channel. The Harbor Master was contacted by email but did not confirm the possibility of a

navigation problem. The Commissioners agreed to approve the request pending a site visit and on the approval of the Harbor Master. Commissioner's will conduct a site visit get a visual of the actual dock location.

**Land Grant Status** Coordinator Clark stated that the Town is having the most recent appraisal from O'Conner divided between the Town of Southwick and Fish & Wildlife according to the proposed waterline delineation that was previously approved.

**MACC Annual Conference** Four Commissioners and Coordinator Clark attended the conference in Worcester. The conference was very informative relative to environmental issues, mitigation, wet lands, and the reuse of soils.

**107 Point Grove Road** Coordinator Clark presented pictures of the tree that was accidentally removed. The tree was rotted and very close to the dwelling. The property owner has 3 years to cut the tree that was originally permitted.

**192 Berkshire Avenue** Coordinator Clark received a request from a potential purchaser of the property for the Certificate of Compliance under Local Southwick Bylaw. The Commission approved the Certificate of Compliance to be signed.

**Community Garden** The Commissioners reviewed the status of the community garden for the 2017 season. There were some modifications that need to be made as some of the vegetation was encroaching on neighboring plots. Chairman Pratt made a motion to have Ms. Nilsson administer the applications, payments, and assign plots for the 2017 season. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

**Pumpkin Valley Farm** Coordinator Clark conducted a site visit with members of the Agricultural Commission. Mr. Brzoska wants to build a pad for parking a tractor. There is a concern with a possibility of erosion near the brook.

**Canal Brook Beaver Dam Removal** Dam to be removed with a hydro rake this week.

**OOO DEP # 292-0251 Lake Treatment** The Commission received a letter from Solitude Lake management requesting a three year extension of their Order of Conditions. Yearly reports have been and will continue to be submitted. Commissioner MacWilliams made a motion to grant the extension for three years. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

**2018 Annual Town Report** Coordinator Clark presented a draft of the Annual Town Report from the Commission. Commissioners given last chance for any changes.

**2 Iroquois Drive** The property owner is submitting an NOI for proposed reconstruction of a retaining wall and a new patio construction within the floodplain. The Commissioners and Coordinator Clark will conduct a site visit of the property on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**2 Two States Avenue** Coordinator Clark received a request from the property owner to cut a total of 4 trees. Two are within the buffer zone.

Commissioner MacWilliams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Commissioner Pranka seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jean Nilsson, Secretary

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Selectmen  
Town Clerk

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Christopher Pratt, Chairman

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Date