

**MINUTES  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
LAND USE MEETING ROOM  
April 10, 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	Present
Frank Soleimani, Commissioner	Absent
Mehmet Mizanoglu Commissioner	Present
Dave MacWilliams Commissioner	Absent
Brian Drenen Commissioner	Absent
Brian Pranka Commissioner	Present
Dennis Clark, Coordinator	Present

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7:03 Christopher Pratt, Chairman, opened the meeting.

**MINUTES**

Vice Chairman Kellogg made a motion to accept the minutes of 03/20/17. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

**ATTENDANCE**

Mr. Jesse Saltmarsh attended the meeting to inform the Commission of the progress being made at the Noble Steed Subdivision on 17 Vining Hill Road. A Conservation bond is being refiled with the Town Treasurer this week. Mr. Saltmarsh stated that the plan is essentially the same as the original design submitted by Mr. T. J. Welch in 2005. Members of the Conservation Commission will conduct a site visit as it has been several years since reviewing the property for compliance with the approved Order of Conditions for the project. Mr. Saltmarsh stated that the wetland flags have been reinstalled for better visibility, there is only one brook crossing, and the development will be constructed in stages as originally approved. The Conservation Commission members will meet on site on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**HEARINGS**

Mr. Jon Goddard, R. Levesque Associates  
Mr. Paul Fleury  
Mr. Conner Fleury

7:15 **32 Sam West Road - NOI** Mr. Goddard presented a site plan for a commercial building (machine shop), and a parking area large enough for employee parking and a place large enough for commercial trucks to turn around for deliveries. Due to zoning and lot constraints, the plan has the building, parking area, and retaining wall within the 50-foot mandatory buffer area required under Southwick Bylaw. The entire site has high ground water. There are approved percolation tests at the location. The proposal has a 10-foot-high retaining wall within one foot of the wetlands. A subsurface infiltration system has been designed for storm water runoff and will be directed into a swale to leading to the BVW. Coordinator Clark stated that he would arrange a site visit in conjunction with Mr. Goddard, their wetland delineator and any interested Commissioners.

Ms. Patricia Sherman

7:35 **32, 34, 36 Beach Road - RDA** Ms. Pat Sherman attended the meeting as a representative of the property owners for a proposed paving of a common driveway. The Town does not plow the driveway. The property owners have been putting gravel on the driveway, which must be maintained and/or replaced frequently. The owners will install a paved driveway which will pitch away from the lake, and keep the trenches on either side for drainage. Chairman Pratt made a motion to find the RDA Negative. The area is within jurisdiction but will not alter any wetland resource area if done as proposed. Vice Chairman Kellogg seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

## DISCUSSION

**107 South Loomis Street** Coordinator Clark stated that due to a change in the Conservation Commission meeting dates, the Enforcement Order deadline for the plan is extended until May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

**5 Kline Road** Work is continuing the site with no issues.

**27 Eagle Street** Coordinator Clark stated there has been no change in the proposed construction as of this meeting. The owner is still waiting for engineering plans for the proposed modified retaining wall.

**CRC Membership** Chairman Pratt made a motion to donate \$100.00 from a gift account to the CRC to help maintain and improve the lakes. Commissioner Pranka seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

**Turtle Cove Dock** Coordinator Clark stated that a dock had broken loose from Turtle Cove and had floated into the canal brook weir gates. The dock was removed from the water by members of the Lake Management Committee. Dick Grannells has determined ownership. The dock will be removed from the area and disposed of by the owner.

**James Jones – 86 Point Grove Street** A letter was approved to be mailed to Mr. Jones about replacing his existing year-round docks with removable ones after completing the LPP application. A copy of an application, boating information, and the LPP checklist will be sent to Mr. Jones.

**28 Grove Street** Coordinator Clark stated that there is a rotten tree leaning over the lake at this location. The Tree Warden will determine if the removal will constitute an emergency removal. If the

Tree Warden determines that the tree is not an emergency, the property owner will need to file for a permit with the Commission.

**Land Grant Status** Coordinator Clark stated that the Water Supply Grant that was applied for was not awarded, but the State instead donated the amount of \$350,000.00 for the purchase of the property. The current funds available will be sufficient to purchase the Fish & Wildlife section of the property in physical year 2017. The Town of Southwick LAND Grant will not be available until physical year 2018. A request will be made to the landowner for a 6-month extension to close on the Town's portion of property.

Commissioner Pranka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Vice Chair Kellogg 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