

**MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LAND USE MEETING ROOM
October 2, 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	Present
Dave Mac Williams Commissioner	Present
Brian Drenen Commissioner	Absent
Brian Pranka Commissioner	Present
Dennis Clark, Coordinator	Present

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

MINUTES

Commissioner MacWilliams made a motion to accept the minutes of 09/11/17. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. None opposed, motion passed unanimously.

HEARINGS

Mr. Timothy Coon, R. J. Russo & Assoc
Mr. Fred Wudicus
Mr. Samuel Malin
Mr. Ketin Sullivan

7:17 **NOI Goose Pond – Congamond Road** – Proposed installation of photovoltaic system with upgrade to stream crossings.

Chairman Pratt opened the hearing by reading the public notice as posted in the Westfield News. Mr. Coon presented a plan showing two locations for ground mounted solar panels. Both locations are land locked parcels, mostly flat, which previously had corn or tobacco harvested. The plan has two culvert crossings on the access roads which will be gravel and widened to 14 feet. Each culvert will have an 18 inch pipe with rip rap at the flow end to help prevent erosion. One of the culverts is in disrepair and not allowing water to flow freely. There is no endangered wildlife, and the panels will be secured by fencing. The ground will be seeded and vegetated and

the mitigation will be approximately 4,950 square feet – more than 2 to 1. Approximately 2,000 square feet will be disturbed with all the work being done outside of the 100 year flood plain. The Conservation Commission members agreed to conduct a site visit on 10/5/17 to review the property and investigate concerns submitted by DEP. Commissioner MacWilliams made a motion for a continuation of the hearing. Commissioner Pranka seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

Sofonowski Preserve A sign stating that “horses must be bridled” was reviewed by the Conservation Commission members. The approximate cost for 4 signs is \$119.00. Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to approve the sign design and cost. Commissioner Pranka seconded the motion. None opposed, motion passed unanimously.

2 Iroquois Drive DEP # 292-340 Coordinator Clark presented photos from a site visit on the property. Commissioner MacWilliams made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner MacWilliams made a motion to release the remaining bond with interest. Commissioner Pranka seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

17 North Pond DEP # 292-301 Coordinator Clark presented the Certificate of Compliance for the project. The work was completed several years ago, but the paperwork was never processed. Chairman Pratt made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance and release the bond with interest. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

25 Industrial Drive DEP # 292-338 Coordinator Clark presented the Certificate of Compliance for the project. Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner MacWilliams made a motion to release the remaining bond with interest. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

32 Sam West Road Coordinator Clark conducted a site visit and presented photos of the progress. A silt fence, which is below the dirt pile, was installed. At present, the construction is in compliance with the Order of Conditions.

Goals & Objectives The Conservation Commission members reviewed the goals and objectives for fiscal year 2018 and approved their submittal to the Select Board Office.

4 Iroquois Drive The Conservation Commission members reviewed a photo of an oil tank that is within 75 feet of the water. As of this meeting, there has been no report from the Fire Department concerning the legality of the installation. There is no emergency containment device in the event of a leak.

Local Permitting Program The Conservation Commission members are awaiting a new Harbor Master. The Conservation Commission will work with the Harbor Master on resolving lake permitting issues and complaints.

8 Charles Johnson Road Coordinator Clark stated that a restoration plan still has not been submitted for this location, but R. Levesque notified us that it is a work in progress.

Finance Committee Letter Chairman Pratt stated that a recent letter was issued by Mr. Horacek on Finance Committee letterhead. Chairman Pratt stated that a meeting will be scheduled with the Select Board and all the members of the Conservation Commission are welcome to attend.

642 College Highway – Enforcement Order Coordinator Clark stated that a certified mail was sent with the Enforcement Order and \$300.00 violation fine. The certified mail receipt has not been returned to the Conservation Commission office as of this meeting.

92 Davis Road – Violation Enforcement Coordinator Clark stated that the project was supposed to be completed today. However, Mr. Massarelli called and related equipment issues which prevented the restoration and requested an extension until the November 6th meeting. Hay bales and silt fencing has been installed. Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to allow the extension. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Status Reports:

- 27 Eagle Street – no change
- 5 Kline Road – Commissioner Pranka noted that part of the silt fence was covered over. Coordinator Clark will conduct a site visit.
- 25 Industrial Road – completed – bond request release submitted to Town Clerk’s Office
- 2 Iroquois Drive – completed – bond request release submitted to Town Clerk’s Office
- 2 Two State Avenue – no change
- 107 Point Grove Road – no change
- 48 Sheep Pasture Road – no change

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Enforcement Order DEP #292-0297 Feeding Hills Road Mr. Grannells, DPW, issued an email concerning an update on the Rt. 57 reconstruction. The culvert near the library had been compromised and is being repaired. Some of the culvert areas have limited space and will need to be dug by hand. Also, some of the pavement did not pass a compression test and will need to be dug up and repaved.

Commissioner Pranka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Nilsson, Secretary

cc:

Select Board
Town Clerk

Chris Pratt, Chairman

Seth Kellogg, Vice Chairman

Dave Mac Williams, Commissioner

Frank Soleimani, Commissioner

Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner

Brian Drenen, Commissioner

Brian Pranka

Date