

MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LAND USE MEETING ROOM
December 4, 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 MacWilliams Commissioner	Present
Brian Drenen Commissioner	Present
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 11/20/17. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

HEARINGS

Mr. Keith Terry, Sherman & Frydryk, LLC

Mr. Phil Chaffee, Local 98 East

7:15 **RDA Hudson Drive Map 49, Parcel 5** Chairman Pratt opened the hearing by reading the notice as posted in the newspaper. Mr. Terry identified the parcel as owned by Lane Construction which operated as a gravel bank. The plans showed a 200 foot buffer zone from Slab Brook, located north of the property. Signs will be installed delineating the restricted area. Mr. Chaffee was in negotiations with the State to possibly purchase some of the Jersey barriers currently being used for the reconstruction of downtown Springfield to define the restricted zone. Chairman Pratt noted a natural sloped barrier that could define the restricted area. The property contains over 60 acres of land with a small portion to be used for equipment and buildings. A classroom, maintenance building, paved parking, and an office will be located near Hudson Drive roadway. A septic system will be installed along with a holding tank for the building to be used to maintain the equipment. Mr. Chaffee estimated 15 – 20 pieces of equipment including excavators, haulers, bulldozer etc. The classes are for duration of 4 years with participants only paying a minimal fee for books. In essence, the facility will be a training tool for heavy equipment operators. There were 19 attendees at the meeting supporting the project. Commissioner MacWilliams made a motion for a negative determination of the plan as submitted. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/REVIEW

Mr. Dick & Mrs. Cherrie Benoit

Mr. Benoit attended the meeting to discuss the Floating Bridge. There are times when the water level is high that the bridge loses some of its stability possible due to the placement of some of the pipes. Mr. Benoit had noticed recreational vehicles in the area, with snowmobiles actually going over the bridge. It was suggested that barriers be installed to prevent vehicles from accessing the bridge. The intent of the bridge is to float during high rain events. When there is a limited amount of water, the bridge resides on the ground. Mr. Benoit suggested replacing some of the pipes that are at an angle for stabilization. Coordinator Clark will contact the Appalachian Mountain Club and the Kestrel Land Trust for a possible resolution and/or permission to renovate the bridge.

Hillside Road Sub-division Coordinator Clark was informed of a potential sub-division on Hillside Road. The property does have a substantial amount of wetland. Coordinator Clark and members of the Conservation Commission will conduct a site visit on Saturday December 9th to review the wetland delineation that is being submitted by R. Levesque.

107 South Loomis Street – Enforcement Order Coordinator Clark is awaiting confirmation for a site visit with Kate Bednaz and Veniamin Kovylyak.

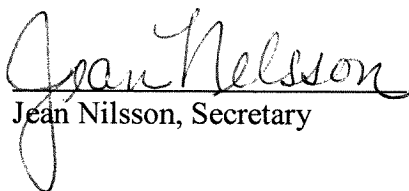
Kuldek Brothers – Sunnyside Coordinator Clark related information concerning a possible deed restriction. The property owners will need to contact Town Counsel to determine if a deed restriction can be held by the Conservation Commission to ensure only permitted work is done within the crossing area. Town Council should have an assurance that the property owner will be responsible for restitution of any wetland violations.

662 College Highway O'Reilly's Coordinator Clark stated that the applicant had a meeting with the Board of Appeals, and has a scheduled hearing with the Planning Board. However, as of this meeting, no plans have been submitted to the Conservation Commission.

642 College Highway – Violation Notice Coordinator Clark stated that the property business owner was supposed to submit a plan relative to wetland issues. However, it was noted at the Department Head meeting that the business may be evicted.

Commissioner Pranka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

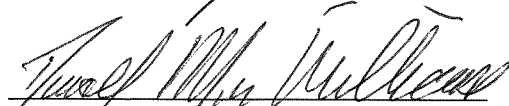
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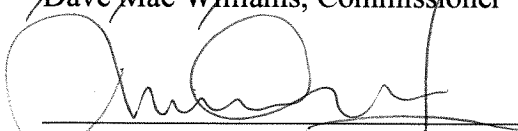

Jean Nilsson, Secretary

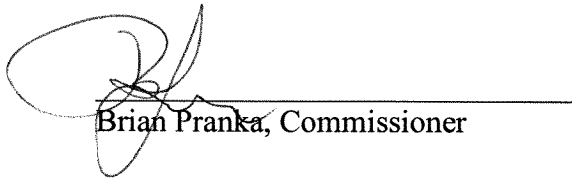
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Select Board
Town Clerk


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Date