

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

**OPENING: The regular scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission opened at 7:00 p.m.  
Attendance is as follows:**

Christopher Pratt, Chairman	Absent
Seth Kellogg, Vice Chairman	Absent
Frank Soleimani, Commissioner	Present
Mehmet Mizanoglu Commissioner	Present
Dave Mac Williams Commissioner	Absent
Brian Drenen Commissioner	Present
Brian Pranka Commissioner	Present
Dennis Clark, Coordinator	Present

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7:08 Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner, opened the meeting.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Pranka made a motion to accept the minutes of 10/16/17. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Chris Vanass attended the meeting to discuss the potential Right of First Refusal for the Southwick Country Club. Mr. Vanass was of the opinion that the Town should purchase the land to use as a Municipal golf course as several elderly patrons use the course on a regular basis. As of now, the Conservation Commission members are focused on saving North Pond and were of the opinion that a Municipal golf course would not benefit the Town. Studies of other Municipal golf courses show they are not profitable. Coordinator Clark will conduct a site visit to view wetlands.

**BUSINESS**

**107 South Loomis Street – Violation Notice** Coordinator Clark received an email from Kate Bednaz with an update on the property. The bulk of the wood chip material have been removed by the bee hives and garden. The equipment used will be re-fueled and stored away from the resource area when not in use. Ms. Bednaz recommended that an inspection of the progress should occur by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**8 Charles Johnson Road** The property owner was supposed to submit a Notice of Intent. In the event the property owner does not present a Notice of Intent for the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, an Enforcement Order may be issued.

Mr. Joseph Alexopoulos, Tree 413

**642 College Highway – Enforcement Order** Mr. Joseph Alexopoulos, business owner of Tree 413 attended the meeting to discuss the violation fees, which one of was paid. A second violation fee was also issued, but not paid. Mr. Alexopoulos is requesting two weeks to correct the violations by installing hay bales and a silt fence on the edge of the parking area, and submitting a proposal how to prevent material from migrating into the wetlands. Mr. Alexopoulos also stated that one of the neighboring businesses installed a finish grade driveway to the edge of the wetland, and the other neighboring business has vehicles at the edge of the wetland. Coordinator Clark stated that he would assist Mr. Alexopoulos with applying for a Request for Determination. Commissioner Pranka made a motion to discard the second violation fee provided Mr. Alexopoulos returns within a two week period with plans to resolve the wetland issues. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Michael Massarelli, Property Owner

**92 Davis Road – Violation Enforcement** Mr. Massarelli attended the meeting to present a video of the repairs done on the right-of-way on his property. A right-of-way was established many years ago so Mr. Deveno could have access to his property. Mr. Deveno attempted to enhance his right of way into his property by widening it that resulted in a violation impacting the brook. Mr. Massarelli, as the owner of the property, had been issued a Enforcement Order also, and has since repaired the area to prevent future impact to the brook. Mr. Devno, being the violator, was issued a cease and desist in the form of an Enforcement Order, and was told to file with the Conservation Commission before doing any more work within 100 feet of the brook.

**4 Iroquois Drive** Coordinator Clark stated that the outdoor oil tank, located within 100 feet of the buffer zone, was installed 10 or more years ago. No permit had been filed with the Fire Department or the Conservation Commission for the installation. There is no containment devise in the event the tank leaks. Coordinator Clark will contact the new owner and discuss options for compliance.

**Signs** Draft copies of signs for rules and regulations for the Sofinowski Preserve, Sterrett Drive Farms, and Rising Corner Trail.

**North Pond** Coordinator Clark conducted a site visit to mark the trails. Designated trails will need to be approved by the State Fish & Game in a Conservation Restriction.

**Public Lands Preservation Act S419** The Conservation Commission reviewed the Act as sponsored by Senator Jamie Eldridge and Representative Ruth Balser.

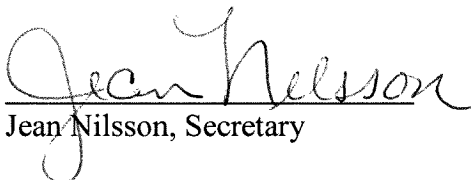
### Certificate of Compliance

- **61 College Highway DEP# 292-0299** Commissioner Pranka made a motion to approve the partial Certificate of Compliance. Commissioner Soleimani seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.
- **24 Iroquois Drive DEP# 292-0320** Commissioner Pranka made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance and release the \$10,000.00 bond. Commissioner Soleimani seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.
- **5 Kline Road DEP# 292-0336** The Conservation Commission was informed that there was bare earth and erosion with no erosion control in place. Commissioners requested an Enforcement Order be issued. Coordinator Clark suggested giving the applicant a week to install erosion control before issuing an Enforcement Order. The Commissioners agreed. The request for a Certificate of Compliance was tabled until the area is stabilized.
- **11 Nicholson Hill Road DEP# 292-0299** Coordinator Clark related that dirt and sand historically had been plowed into the wetland area and the agreement was to remove the sediment before a Certificate of Compliance was issued. According to Ms. Kate Bednaz, it may be more disruptive if the material was to be removed. As of now, the area is stable and vegetation is restored. The Conservation Commission will table the request for a Certificate of Compliance until Coordinator Clark conducts a site visit.
- **86 Point Grove Road DEP# 292-0344** Commissioner Pranka made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance and release the \$5,000.00 bond. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.
- **Rising Corner Road DEP# 292-0326** Commissioner Drenen made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance for the floating bridge. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

**Enforcement Order DEP #292-0297 Feeding Hills Road** Coordinator Clark stated that the work was not completed yet. After a definitive quantity and area of disturbance is confirmed an Enforcement Order will be issued to restore the area.

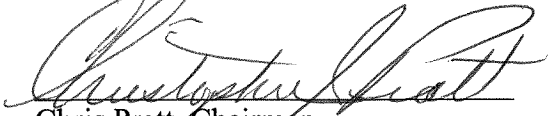
Commissioner Pranka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

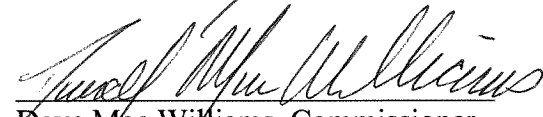
  
Jean Nilsson, Secretary

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Select Board  
Town Clerk

  
Chris Pratt, Chairman

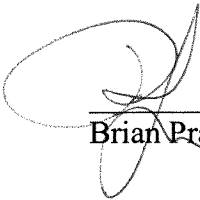
  
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11/20/17  
Date