

MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
HYBRID PARTICIPATION
January 8, 2024

ATTENDANCE

Christopher Pratt, Chairman	Absent
Norman Cheever, Vice Chairman	Present (Zoom)
Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner	Present
Jerry Patria, Commissioner	Present
Kevin Solek, Commissioner	Present
Andrew Reardon, Commissioner	Present
Dennis Clark, Commissioner	Present

Acting Chairman Clark opened the meeting at 7:00 PM by announcing the date, time and members in attendance.

MINUTES

Commissioner Reardon made a motion to accept the minutes of December 18, 2023 with corrections. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Dennis Clark	yes	Norm Cheever	yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes	Kevin Solek	yes
Jerry Patria	yes	Andy Reardon	yes

There were no public comments.

81 Point Grove Road NOI 292-0415 Coordinator Pooler received a request for a continuation. Acting Chairman Clark made a motion to approve the continuation. Vice Chairman Cheever seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Dennis Clark	yes	Norm Cheever	yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes	Kevin Solek	yes
Jerry Patria	yes	Andy Reardon	yes

662A College Highway NOI 292-0412

Mr. Jim Boyle, Owner

Mr. Doug Seril, & Mr. Chris Chamberlin Berkshire Design Group

Mr. Dan Niechee, Wetland Scientist

Commissioner Reardon recused himself as a member of the Conservation Commission. At the last meeting, Mr. Boyle requested a "draft" Order of Conditions. Coordinator Pooler noted that the snow

storage was still in place near the wetlands, nor could it be placed in the storm water basins. Mr. Seril stated that the snow storage will actually be moved to the rear of the eastern part of the property. Coordinator Pooler also noted that the area of replication did not show the buffer area. Mr. Chamberlin made note as the proposal is not yet constructed, the buffer zone will be defined as what currently exists. The buffer zone could be established after construction and will then adhere to conservation regulations. Mr. Grannells, DPW, submitted an email asking about drainage and the possibility of chemical release from the storage bins into the storm drains. However, that is not a conservation issue and could be addressed by the Planning Board. Acting Chairman Clark read a very lengthily letter from "a concerned citizen" making note that there was no public input on the proposal. However, Mr. Reardon did state that he wrote the letter as a public citizen and not as a commissioner or as a business competitor. Ms. Jessica Reardon, 23 Woodside Circle also made a comment via Zoom concerning issues not being addressed specifically storm water management or public comments being noted. As there were not further comments. Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Solek seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Dennis Clark	yes	Norm Cheever	yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes	Kevin Solek	yes
Jerry Patria	yes	Andy Reardon	abstained

Coordinator Pooler drafted a standard Order of Conditions and included additional provisions such as a timeline, a partial release of the bond and the bond amount.

Commissioner Solek made a motion to issue the Order of Conditions with the standard conditions, additional conditions, and monitoring for a period of two years and a \$30,000.00 bond. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Dennis Clark	yes	Norm Cheever	yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes	Kevin Solek	yes
Jerry Patria	yes	Andy Reardon	abstained

Mr. Pilipe Cravo, R. Levesque & Associates ---check name spelling

RDA 520 College Highway Mr. Cravo stated that the proposed work will be the residential building behind the dealership which will be within the 100 foot buffer zone to the rear of the property. The proposal is for a 4 foot wide path from the rear of the building to the sidewalk on College Highway constructed of pervious material such as gravel. Commissioner Patria made a negative determination on the proposal. Acting Chairman Clark seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Dennis Clark	yes	Norm Cheever	yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes	Kevin Solek	yes
Jerry Patria	yes	Andy Reardon	yes

Mort Vining Subdivision Lots 8 & 9 Partial Certificate of Compliance DEP 292-0409 Coordinator Pooler made note that this release was voted upon at the last meeting, however it was not on the agenda. Commissioner Solek made a motion to reiterate the previous vote from the last meeting

approving the issuance of the partial Certificate of Compliance. Commissioner Reardon seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Dennis Clark	yes	Norm Cheever	yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes	Kevin Solek	yes
Jerry Patria	yes	Andy Reardon	yes

Mr. Jessie Saltmarsh, Owner

Mr. Jeff Smith, Salvini & Associates

Noble Steed Crossing Subdivision 292-0280 Acting Chairman Clark made a motion to approve Mr. Smith as the Erosion Control Monitor for the subdivision. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Dennis Clark	yes	Norm Cheever	yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes	Kevin Solek	yes
Jerry Patria	yes	Andy Reardon	yes

Mr. Smith presented pictures of the most recent improvements showing a silt fence installed to prevent any soil from running down the roadway into the wetland. The storm drains are being cleaned and functioning properly. Mr. Saltmarsh will continue to work with Coordinator Pooler on more improvements in the future.

107 South Loomis Street- Possible Wetland Violation Coordinator Pooler presented a letter forwarded from Diane Gale which was read into the meeting. The letter was not a formal complaint and anonymous. The Conservation Commission has discussed this issue for several years inclusive of DEP and the State Legislature. Acting Chairman related the history of the property and the Conservation Commission has resolved issues relative to their jurisdiction.

Ms. Turdy Chianciola

The Greens West Open Space possible violation of Conservation Restriction Acting Chairman Clark stated that the Homeowners Association is responsible for any violations on the property. A resident from Wynnfield installed an underground cable on The Greens subdivision and installed an antenna on a tree. There is a Conservation Restriction on the property, but any violations would be issued to the Association. Coordinator Pooler will conduct a site visit in the future.

Conservation Funds Coordinator Pooler made note that there are two CPC accounts still open for North Pond and \$5,661.14 Goose Pond. Plans had been submitted for a bridge access to Goose Pond but had never followed through because it was discovered that the Town of Southwick did not own the property.

Erosion Control Monitor 0 Hudson Drive DEP 292-0396 Submitted plans for the property are for a solar field. Coordinator Pooler conducted a pre-construction site visit. Commissioner Reardon made

a motion to approve Olivia Crosby, Project Manager – WSP as the Erosion Control Monitor. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Dennis Clark	yes	Norm Cheever	yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes	Kevin Solek	yes
Jerry Patria	yes	Andy Reardon	yes

Mr. Val Shvets, owner

Mr. Jeff Smith, Salving & Associates

Mort Vining Subdivision - Possible Wetland Violation Vice Chairman Cheever, Mr. Brown and Mr. Goddard, DEP conducted a site visit at the location. Coordinator Pooler was concerned with any possible wetland violations such as flagging the areas which have been corrected. Mr. Smith stated that the wetlands were not impacted. All the work is being done at the north entrance, the wetlands are towards the south. Vice Chairman Cheever will schedule another site visit when accessible to ensure that the flagging is corrected so more "mistakes" are not made.

24 & 26 Nicolson Hill Enforcement DEP 292-0409 Coordinator Pooler contacted the owner who stated that he had already paid to have the silt fences repaired. Coordinator Pooler did a site visit today and did observe that the silt fence appeared to be repaired.

13 Berkshire Ave Coordinator Pooler received a quotation from Attorney Albano of \$8,321.00 for a land survey and legal fees relating to the proposed donation of the property to the ownership of the Conservation Commission. Commissioner Solek made a motion to approve \$9,000.00 from the fund to pay for the survey and legal fees. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Dennis Clark	yes	Norm Cheever	yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes	Kevin Solek	yes
Jerry Patria	yes	Andy Reardon	yes

As there was no further business, Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18. Commissioner Solek seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Dennis Clark	yes	Norm Cheever	yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes	Kevin Solek	yes
Jerry Patria	yes	Andy Reardon	yes

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Nilsson, Secretary

cc:
Select Board
Town Clerk

Christopher Pratt, Chairman

Norman Cheever, Vice Chairman

Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner

Jerry Patria, Commissioner

Kevin Solek, Commissioner

Andy Reardon, Commissioner

Dennis Clark, Commissioner

Date