

Chelmsford Conservation Commission  
Town of Chelmsford  
50 Billerica Rd. Chelmsford, Ma 01824  
Meeting Minutes  
June 18, 2019  
Approved July 16, 2019

Meeting Location: 50 Billerica Rd., Room 205, Chelmsford, Ma 01824

**Members Present:** David McLachlan-Chairman Jack Souza, Chris Garrahan, William Vines, Mark Gibbs, Chris Tymula

**Members Absent:** April Mendez

**Others Present:** Katharine Guertin-Conservation Agent

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Chairman McLachlan.

All documents referenced in these minutes are available for review at the Community Development Office, 50 Billerica Rd., Chelmsford Town Offices Building. This meeting was audio recorded and hand recorded via the Recording Secretary.

**Open Session / Citizen Concerns**

No one came forward at this time.

**Regulatory**

**Request for Determination of Applicability-new  
90 Park Road, landscaping and re-grading**

Legal Notice read. Pat Flaherty spoke on behalf of the applicant, John Reid. The back yard is steeply sloped. The proposal is to flatten out the yard by filling up to three feet in areas. The entire area will be loamed and seeded. Straw waddles and silt fence will be installed around the back and side of the home.

The wetland was flagged 15 years ago, and nothing has been disturbed. The work area is about 50 feet from the home. The home is about 70 feet from the wetland.

**Motion:** by Mr. Gibbs to approve A Request for Determination of Applicability for 90 Park Rd. with a Negative Three Determination, and a Special Condition to install straw waddles and silt fence along the rear and side of the house. Seconded by Mr. Vines. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

**Enforcement Order-continued  
36 Turnpike Road, violation**

Pat Flaherty is still working on the survey for the property. Norse Environmental submitted documentation to the Commission. Eight trees were replaced. The Catalpa trees were not part of the original request. The applicant was allowed to plant red maples and evergreens. Mrs. Guertin will follow up with the applicant.

The Notice of Intent application will be finished after the survey is complete.

Daily fines are still accruing.

**10 Sunrise Rd,**

Pat Flaherty is working on the Notice of Intent for this property.

**Violation-continued**

**Tobin Ave, access through wetland/clear cutting**

The Commission is still awaiting a Notice of Intent application.

Mr. Vines noted the orange fence has not been installed as of this afternoon, as was previously requested. The church is doing parking lot work on one of their lights. The old light and 2 concrete footings were put in the wetland.

The property owner will be advised to put up the orange fence immediately, and to attend the Commission's next meeting on July 16, 2019.

A Cease and Desist Order is still in place; a restoration plan has been received.

Mr. McLachlan would like to clarify the relationship between the church and Mr. Harvey, as Mr. Harvey has been doing work on church property. The proposed easement through town property has not been finalized yet, and plans for the development have not been approved by the Planning Board.

A letter will be sent to the church.

**Motion:** by Mr. Vines to authorize the Conservation Agent to notify Mr. Harvey and St. John's Church to install construction fence immediately and to request the appearance of a representative of St. John's Church at the July 16, 2019 Commission Meeting to explain construction activity on their property, dumping of construction material in the wetland, and that the Church is responsible for filling being done on their land and the restoration of the wetland on their property. Seconded by Mr. Gibbs. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

**Discussion**

**Tax Lien 71 Princeton St**

The Commission received a letter from the Town Treasurer regarding whether they were interested in acquiring Unit 115 at 71 Princeton St., which is in land court for unpaid taxes. Because part of the

complex is in the Commission's jurisdiction, the Commission is being notified as a party of interest. The amount of unpaid taxes is \$19,000.00. The Commission is not interested in this property.

**Motion:** by Mr. Vines that the Conservation Commission waives its rights to the property at 71 Princeton St., Unit 115. Seconded by Mr. Gibbs. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

**184 Willis Drive complaint/violation**

Signs have been put up on the property belonging to the Commission. Mr. McLachlan will ask COSS to clean up and remove the sheds, boats and debris being stored in the area.

**Continual Business**

**Land Management update**

A draft letter to Marty Spaulding regarding the Heart Pond parking lot was read into the record.

The Commission agreed to allow the letter to be sent. Mr. McLachlan will sign the letter and the Conservation Agent will mail it.

Mr. McLachlan attended the semi-annual meeting on the Cranberry Bog Joint Committee on June 17, 2019. The Town of Carlisle is still studying alternative uses for the Bog. There is a citizen group advocating continuing growing cranberries. The Town is researching whether to hay, or create a wetland meadow. Discussion to be continued.

Brian Milicsi's report on the Cranberry Bog dam has not been received yet.

**Agent's Report**

Paperwork was signed as required.

Annual re-organization votes will be done at the July 16, 2019 meeting.

**Approve Minutes**

There were no minutes to approve this evening.

**Adjourn**

**Motion:** by Mr. Tymula to adjourn the meeting at 7:50PM. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

**Next Meetings                      July 16th                      August 6th**

Respectfully submitted,  
Vivian W. Merrill  
Recording Secretary

Supporting documents:

- RDA Applications and supporting documents
- Treasurer's letter regarding 71 Princeton St.
- Proposed Restoration Plans for Turnpike Rd. and Tobin Ave.
- Draft letter to Marty Spaulding