

Chelmsford Conservation Commission
Town of Chelmsford
50 Billerica Rd. Chelmsford, Ma 01824
Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2019
Approved August 20, 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 (6:32PM)

Members Absent: April Mendez

Others Present: Katharine Guertin-Conservation Agent

Meeting was called to order at 6:30PM 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

Enforcement Order-continued 36 Turnpike Road, violation

Steve Eriksen, Norse Environmental, showed a new plan where the Compensatory Flood Storage areacould be located. Pat Flaherty is finalizing the Notice of Intent application and plans. Mr. Eriksen was advised that a status on the previously requested tree replacement will also be needed.

Motion: by Mr. Garrahan to continue the hearing for 36 Turnpike Rd. to August 20, 2019.

Seconded by Mr. Souza. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

Violation-continued

Tobin Ave, access through wetland/clear cutting

A letter was received from Atty. Jeff Brown reiterating that Mr. Harvey did not have permission to do work on the Church's property. Mr. Vines reported that the light pole and concrete bollards are still in the wetland and have not been moved. Some of the affected area has been reseeded.

Atty. Brown was unavailable tonight. He will be asked to appear at the meeting on August 20, 2019 to provide detail on how the pole and concrete will be removed from the wetland.

Motion: by Mr. Garrahan to continue the hearing for Tobin Ave. to August 20, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Vines. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

Discussion

184 Willis Drive complaint/violation

Letters were sent to property owners at 185 & 175 Willis Drive.

Residents from 185 Willis were present. The materials by the pump station is not theirs. He has boats and logs stored on 184, and neighbors have kayaks there for a boy scout troop that uses them. A lot of people use the land.

Mr. McLachlan advised there is a regulation for people storing boats temporarily by the lake where the boats must be stored in a way that still allows for public access to the lake. The regulation for the area by Sixth Ave. was summarized for the residents' benefit. Mr. McLachlan will make sure a copy is sent to them for use at 184 Willis Dr..

Another neighbor from 175 Willis arrived during the discussion. He admitted the materials near the pump station belonged to him, and he will remove all of it this weekend. A beaver is cutting through several trees, and he did take some of those down as they were a hazard to the pump station.

Event at Russell Mill (NEMBA)

This will be a bike promotion demo and skills event held on September 3, 2019, from 2:00PM-7:00PM. About 30 people attend. The application is on file.

Annual Town Report (new picture)

A photo of the Commissioners was taken.

Stormwater Master Plan Steering Committee

Mrs. Guertin requested someone from the commission to attend monthly meetings on her behalf while she is out on maternity leave. No one was able to volunteer.

Continual Business

Land Management update

Mr. McLachlan will speak with the Town Manager about replacing Mrs. Mendez, as she has been unable to attend meetings for over one year due to illness. Carl Bishoff has voiced interest in participating on the Commission. He has done a lot of work with COSS, and he is on the Cranberry Bog Subcommittee currently. The Town Manager will be asked to obtain an official resignation from Mrs. Mendez, as she has not responded to e-mail requests or telephone calls.

Regarding the Tree Removal policy, the Town Manager has directed that the Commission will pay for the tree that was already removed. The Town Manager will add a line item to the Town budget for future tree removal. The regulation will be amended to read that any outside costs for tree removal on conservation

land will be borne by the Commission, subject to prior approval by the DPW, and sign off by the DPW Director once the work has been completed.

Brian Milisci will get the report on the dam to the Commission.

A letter from the Town of Carlisle's Conservation Commission was provided to the Commission regarding a request from the Chelmsford Water District.

COSS is doing a reasonable job keeping up with maintenance of the reservations.

Agent's Report

Paperwork for the next meeting was provided to the commissioners.

Approve Minutes

There were no minutes to approve this evening.

Adjourn

Motion: by Mr. Garrahan to adjourn the meeting at 7:15PM. Seconded by Mr. Gibbs **Motion carries, unanimous.**

Next Meetings	August 20th	September 3rd
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Respectfully submitted,
Vivian W. Merrill
Recording Secretary

Supporting documents:
None