

Chelmsford Conservation Commission
Town of Chelmsford
50 Billerica Rd. Chelmsford, Ma 01824
Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2021
Approved August 3, 2021

Meeting held via Zoom.

Members Present: David McLachlan-Chairman, William Vines, Marc Gibbs, Chris Garrahan, John Swenson, Chris Tymula, Karl Bischoff

Members Absent:

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 and hand recorded via the Recording Secretary, and televised via Chelmsford Telemedia.

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020, Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, the Town of Chelmsford Conservation Commission will conduct a remote public hearing on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. to consider the following applications:

Open Session/Citizen Concerns

Iva Mooney stated that she has watched all of the Commission's virtual sessions and the Commission has done a great job. She would strongly support all future meetings continue to be televised.

Regulatory Hearings

Notice of Intent-continued

Heart pond, aquatic invasive treatment

All of DEP's comments have been answered, and there has been no further response from DEP.

Pam Rivard, Heart Pond Association advised that Solitude Lake Management was supposed to be present at tonight's hearing.

Discussion tabled while Ms. Rivard tries to contact their consulting firm.

Request for Certificate of Compliance-new

DEP# 129-0807, 90 Main Street

This request is for a single family home constructed in 2015. As-built plans and related paperwork have been submitted, and there are no concerns.

Motion: by Mr. Garrahan to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 90 Main St., DEP #129-0807, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Bishoff.

Roll Call vote:

Mr. Gibbs: Aye

Mr. Vines: Aye

Mr. Bischoff: Aye

Mr. Swenson: Aye

Mr. Tymula: Aye

Mr. Garrahan: Aye

Mr. McLachlan: Aye

Motion carries, unanimous.

Discussion

Continual Business

Willis Drive property

Resident Darlene Farrell reported a complaint about a dock being stored on this property. Mr. McLachlan explained the dock has been taken out of the water in order to be re-built. Mr. Vines confirmed work is actively being done. Mrs. Guertin felt the re-building should be taking place on the owner's property, and not on Town property. Mr. McLachlan will continue efforts to contact the property owner.

Any removal of private property from Conservation land will need to be funded by the Commission.

Land Management

Warren-Pohl – update

Mr. Bischoff reported that the Town website has been updated with information about this property.

The Natural Resources Inventory is in process.. Additional work has to be done in the fall.

Caroline Parlee will begin preparation work for haying the field later this summer.

Mr. Swenson has offered to help cut the grass near the trails, and he is donating a farm gate that will be installed by the shed on the hill.

Town surveyor Scott Ludwig will be staking out the location for the farm driveway and parking.

Abutters in the condos in the brown building have met with Mr. Bischoff and Mr. McLachlan, and discussions are ongoing.

Other:

The Eagle Scout project to build a bridge at Crooked Spring Reservation is ongoing.

NEMBA has reported that about 2/3's of the trail posts and trail markers have been installed at Russell Mill Reservation. They hope to be completed this week. The posts are emergency location markers, and are being installed as a way to improve emergency response in the event of an injury.

Zoo New England is visiting conservation land off Riverneck Rd. to improve habitat for wood turtles. Their report is forthcoming.

Agent's Report

Mrs. Guertin announced that the June 15, 2021 meeting will be in person, and will be televised. Mr. McLachlan noted his support of future televised meetings. Mr. Gibbs added his support, as long as the meetings can still be held on Tuesday evenings.

Approve Minutes

May 18, 2021

Motion: by Mr. Garrahan to approve the Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2021 as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Gibbs.

Roll Call vote:

Mr. Gibbs: Aye

Mr. Vines: Aye

Mr. Bischoff: Aye

Mr. Swenson: Aye

Mr. Tymula: Aye

Mr. Garrahan: Aye

Mr. McLachlan: Aye

Motion carries, unanimous.

Adjourn

Next Meetings: June 1 June 15

Motion: by Mr. Garrahan to adjourn the meeting at 7:55PM.

Roll Call vote:

Mr. Gibbs: Aye

Mr. Vines: Aye

Mr. Bischoff: Aye

Mr. Swenson: Aye

Mr. Tymula: Aye
Mr. Garrahan: Aye
Mr. McLachlan: Aye
Motion carries, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Vivian W. Merrill

Supporting documents:
-Applications for Notice of Intent and Certificate of Compliance
-Draft Minutes