

**Town of Foxborough  
Conservation Commission Minutes  
August 22, 2016**

**Members Present:** Robert Boette (Chair), Judith Johnson (Vice Chair), Eric Nelson (Clerk), Rich Golemme, Jeff Ambs, James Marsh

**Members Absent:** Michael Kelleher

**Staff Present:** Jane Sears Pierce, Conservation Manager, Diana Gray, Land Use Administrator

**Others Present:** See attached sign-in sheet

**Meeting Opened**

Bob Boette opened the meeting, held in the Boyden Library, at 7:00 p.m.

**28 Camp Road, RFD, Karen VanDeWater**

Karen VanDeWater was present to review her proposed project. She would like to add a family room, kitchen, deck and garage to her house, which is on the Neponset Reservoir. She reconfigured the addition to work around several large trees in her yard. Ms. Pierce noted that some trees within the 100 foot buffer zone will need to be cut near the proposed deck. The Commissioners are concerned with the digging of the sonotubes; Ms. VanDeWater stated that the contractor will be installing them by hand, with an auger. Silt controls will also be used.

**Motion** was made by Ms. Johnson to close the Public Meeting for 28 Camp Road; seconded by Mr. Nelson. **Vote: 6-0-0**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Nelson to issue a Negative Determination (#3, 6, and 6a) with the condition that Ms. Pierce inspects the erosion controls; seconded by Mr. Marsh. **Vote: 6-0-0**

**Minutes, February 22, 2016**

The Commission reviewed the revised minutes from February 22, 2016.

**Motion** was made by Mr. Nelson to approve the February 22, 2016 revised minutes as amended; seconded by Mr. Marsh. **Vote: 6-0-0**

**242-246 Main Street, Lawson Farm, Continued NOI Hearing, DEP #157-554**

Atty. Frank Spillane, applicant/developer Paul Folkman and Julie List of Goddard Engineering attended the continued hearing. Hardcopies of the revised plans are still needed; Atty. Spillane will ensure that Bill Buckley's office gets the plans to the Commission. Ms. Pierce had prepared two draft Orders of Conditions, for the State and the Bylaw, which were then reviewed. The Commission noticed a few numbering errors that would be corrected. The applicant asked to extend the permit's term to five years, but the Commission preferred the three year permit term.

**Motion** was made by Mr. Marsh to close the Public Hearing for 242-246 Main Street, #157-554; seconded by Ms. Johnson. **Vote: 6-0-0**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Nelson to issue the Bylaw Order of Conditions as modified, pending the receipt of signed, paper copies of the revised plans; seconded by Mr. Ambs. **Vote: 6-0-0**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Nelson to issue the State Order of Conditions as modified, pending the receipt of signed, paper copies of the revised plans; seconded by Mr. Marsh. **Vote: 6-0-0**

**Forbes Crossing, DEP#157-537, Enforcement and Restoration Order**

The applicant was not present, but had submitted a request for continuance to September 12, 2016.

**Motion** was made by Ms. Johnson to continue the discussions for the Forbes Crossing Enforcement and Restoration Order to September 12, 2016; seconded by Mr. Marsh. **Vote: 6-0-0**

### Conservation Property

Mark Trudell, Boy Scout Leader and Colleen Trudell came before the Commission to talk about issues they had encountered at the Lane Homestead conservation area and at Kersey Point. Mrs. Trudell stated that there are no trash barrels at either conservation, adding that Deb Lafavre of 20 Kersey Road had indicated that she picks up trash at Kersey Point all the time.

Mr. Trudell stated that he brought his troop to the Lane Property to camp out recently and had picked up a key to the gate from the office, but when he arrived the lock had been broken and the gate was wide open. He said that there was a lot of trash off the road and everywhere. The fire pit near the dam was also covered in trash and debris. They took out three bags full of trash.

He camped on the rear side of Blueberry Island, as planned, noting that there were a few fire pits with beer cans and bottles around them on the island. One fire pit was built up three feet high with partially burned logs. He took down and burned the wood, but noted that there was one burned tree that looked dangerous that he felt should be taken down. There was even more trash in the conservation area the morning after their campout.

Mr. Boette noted that there used to be trash barrels there but not recently. He said that the previous Conservation manager used to empty the barrels until he took a partial retirement and didn't have the time. Mrs. Trudell opined that instead of putting in sidewalks or watering plants, they the DPW should be emptying trash barrels. The Commission suggested that she talk to the Town Manager and the DPW Director about her concerns. There are signs at Kersey Point, notifying visitors that there are no trash barrels and to remove their trash, but trash is still left there.

Mr. and Mrs. Trudell were informed that a new gate and security cameras will be installed at the Lane Property as part of the current rehabilitation project.

The Commission discussed using an "adopt a highway" approach for town conservation areas (i.e. erect signs with names of area stewards), to both encourage and recognize people who like to be more involved in taking care of town conservation areas.

### Neponset Reservoir, DEP File 157-479 Request for OoC Amendment

Richard Lewis of the NRRC came before the Commission to discuss their proposed Order of Conditions Amendment to add treating large leaved pondweeds in selected overgrown areas with Endothall (Aquathol K). Their request for amendment was submitted to the Commission via email. Mr. Lewis advised that it was too late to start the proposed program this year, but he would like to have the proposed amendment approved, so that Endothall could be used early next year.

The invasive weed treatment that was done last year seemed to have been successful; a report will be submitted in the fall. Mr. Lewis explained that the aquatic weed eradication program is being performed to combat a nutrient problem in the water. He indicated that the report from Solitude Lake Management warns that if the pondweed is not treated, it will take over the reservoir.

The Commission discussed the need for a policy regarding the treatment/eradication of native aquatic plants. The Commission would like to review paper copies of the proposed amendment and then discuss it again on September 12, 2016.

### Minutes, July 25, 2016

The Commission reviewed the minutes of July 25, 2016.

**Motion** was made by Mr. Nelson to approve the minutes of July 25, 2016 as amended; seconded by Ms. Johnson. **Vote: 6-0-0**

### Foxborough Guide to Open Spaces

Summer Intern Ryan Clapp, who had been working on a Foxborough Guide to Open Spaces, attended the meeting to discuss his project. A copy of the Guide booklet was distributed to each

Commissioner. The Commission, who was very pleased with Mr. Clapp's work, suggested that it be printed for use at the new Lane Homestead educational center.

The Commission indicated that they appreciated all of Mr. Clapp's hard work and wished him the best for his senior year of college.

### **120 Spring Street**

Ms. Pierce explained that she had been corresponding with Town Counsel Kate Connelly about the details required to sell this property. This subject had been added to several meeting agendas, but Mr. Boette had wanted the Commission's Advisory Committee (AdCom) Representative to come in for the discussions before taking a vote and they actually had come to two meetings, but had left the meetings before the discussion. The AdCom will not be holding another meeting until September.

Town Counsel had asked the Commission to make a formal vote regarding the sale, including language about the proposed town land (behind the capped landfill) to transfer in exchange for selling the parcel and house at 120 Spring Street. The Commission wanted to wait until all members were present.

### **Mansfield Hydrant**

Ms. Pierce received notification that Mansfield will be replacing a hydrant at 92 East Belcher Road. This is covered under the Wetlands Protection Act's utility exemption for emergency repairs.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Nelson to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Johnson. **Vote: 6-0-0**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Nelson, Clerk

Draft minutes submitted by Diana Gray: 9/15/16

Approved by Commission: 11/7/16

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### **Documents, Not Referenced Above**

#### **Attached Documents**

1. Agenda, August 22, 2016
2. Meeting Sign In Sheet

#### **Location of Other Documents**

3. Manager's Report, filed in Manager's Report binder in the Conservation Office.
4. Referenced projects' documents: please see Conservation Commission's project file