

Conservation Commission Meeting  
Virtual Meeting  
January 18, 2024

This open meeting of the Sharon Conservation Commission was conducted remotely consistent with An Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted during the State of Emergency, signed into law on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and as amended and extended through March of 2025. These provisions allow public bodies to meet remotely if reasonable public access is afforded so the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting. For this meeting, the Conservation Commission convened by video/teleconferencing via Zoom, and members of the public were provided with access information so that they could follow the meeting remotely. All votes were conducted via roll call.

The remote meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by the Chair, Peg Arguimbau.

Roll call was taken of members and staff present and included: Chair, Peg Arguimbau, Keevin Geller, Stephen Cremer, and Susan Drisko. Alan Westman arrived at 7:37 PM. Jon Wasserman was not present. Staff present: Josh Philibert, Conservation Administrator, and Jana Katz, Conservation Clerk

Members of the public in attendance: Water Division Supervisor Rob Terpstra, Adam Kran of Environmental Partners, Michael Radner of Radner Design Associates, Russell Waldron of Applied Ecological Sciences, Karlis Skulte of Civil and Environmental Consultants, and Attorney Bob Shelmerdine.

**7:30 PM Continued Hearings** NOI 27 Livingston Rd., Barbara Stricker  
Add., Patio, & Outdoor Shower, DEP#SE280-0655

Members voted to continue the hearing to the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting at the applicant's request. Russell Waldron was present on behalf of the applicant and property owner: Barbara Stricker. He anticipates returning with a working planting plan at the next meeting. Members previously reviewed the proposed addition, patio construction, and outdoor shower construction at 27 Livingston Road. The hearing will close once member approve a planting plan.

**Motion:** to continue the hearing for DEP# SE 280-0655 for NOI filed for project located at 27 Livingston Rd. to the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, at the applicant's request.

Drisko moved  
Cremer seconded  
Drisko – Aye, Cremer – Aye, Geller – Aye, Arguimbau – Aye,  
4-0-0 Motion Passed

**7:34 PM Other Business** Approve Minutes for December 21, 2023

**Motion:** to approve the meeting minutes from December 21, 2023

Cremer moved  
Drisko seconded  
Drisko – Aye, Cremer – Aye, Geller – Aye, Arguimbau – Aye,  
4-0-0 Motion Passed

**7:37 PM Other Business Approve Minutes for January 4, 2024**

**Motion:** to approve the meeting minutes from January 4, 2024 as amended for clerical errors and word choice.

Drisko moved

Westman seconded

Drisko – Aye, Cremer – Aye, Geller – Aye, Westman – Aye, Arguimbau – Aye,  
5-0-0 Motion Passed

**7:39 PM Discussion/Action Item Conservation Administrator Update**

Mr. Ghazi Saab of 90 Aspen Road has been working with Ken Thomson, developing a restoration plan to revegetate an area in the 100 foot buffer. The matter is on the agenda for the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**7:40 PM Continued Public Hearing NOI 000 Upland Rd. (Tree Ln), Eric Hooper, DPW Water Treatment Plant, DEP#SE280-0653**

Adam Kran from Environmental Partners, and Michael Radner from Radner Design Associates, joined Rob Terpstra from the Town of Sharon Water Division in representing the Town of Sharon DPW during the continued hearing regarding the proposed water treatment plant located at 000 Upland Rd (Tree Lane) for DEP#SE280-0653. The commission reviewed the updated planting plan which will be referenced in the order of conditions. Members voted to close the hearing, approving the project; and issue an order of conditions with special conditions.

**Motion:** to close the hearing regarding DEP#SE280-0653 for a proposed water treatment plant located at 000 Upland Road (Tree Lane) and issue an Order of Conditions with Special Conditions to the Town of Sharon Department of Public Works.

Drisko moved

Geller seconded

Drisko - Aye, Geller - Aye, Cremer – Aye, Arguimbau – Aye, Westman – Abstain  
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**7:54 PM Continued Public Hearing AOOC Prince Wy. /Bay Rd. (Birch Hill) Everett Preserve Dev. & Birch Hill Trust Corp. Residential Subdivision, DEP#SE280-0610**

Attorney Bob Shelmerdine and Karlis Skulte presented on behalf of the property owners of the land referenced in the Order of Conditions for DEP#SE280-0610: Everett Preserve Development and The Birch Hill Trust Corp.

Applicants initially sought to substitute a Flexible Development Plan for the proposed Birch Hill Subdivision that received Planning Board Approval for the Conventional Development Plan that

was approved with the original Order of Conditions. The Flexible Development Plan updates address grading, erosion controls, and setbacks discussed at the last meeting. After discussing updating contour plans, members voted to close the hearing and issue an amended Order of Conditions referencing the plan reviewed at the meeting.

**Motion:** to close the hearing issue an amended Order of Conditions for DEP#SE280-0610 referencing Birch Hill Flexible Development Plan Assessors Map 65 – Lots 85, 88, 93 1505 Bay Road Sharon, Massachusetts revised January 17, 2024.

Drisko moved

Geller seconded

Drisko - Aye, Geller - Aye, Cremer – Aye, Arguimbau – Aye, Westman – Abstain

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**8:17 PM Discussion/Action Item Lake Update**

At 10.5, the lake level is very high after recent rain. Flooding reported throughout town. Geller and residents noted otter sightings near Trowelshop Pond.

**8:22 PM Other Business Adjourn**

**Motion:** to adjourn.

Cremer moved

Westman seconded

Cremer – Aye, Westman – Aye, Drisko – Aye, Geller – Aye, Arguimbau – Aye

5-0-0 Motion Passed