

Conservation Commission Meeting  
Virtual Meeting  
February 15, 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, Vice Chair, Jon Wasserman, Keevin Geller, Susan Drisko and Alan Westman. Stephen Cremer was not present. Staff present: Josh Philibert, Conservation Administrator.

Members of the public in attendance: Scott Henderson, Vivian Jreig, Jose Da Silva, Steve Levangie.

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| <b>7:32 PM</b> | <b>Continued Hearings</b> | NOI 27 Livingston Rd., Barbara Stricker<br>Add., Patio, & Outdoor Shower, DEP#SE280-0655 |
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Scott Henderson presented on behalf of the homeowner, Barbara Stricker, to discuss the updated planting plan for DEP# SE 280-0655; which the commission previously came to consensus to approve upon receipt of an agreed upon planting plan. Members voted to approve the plan with the condition that Philibert will meet with Henderson at 27 Livingston Rd. to agree on specific placement for various species on site.

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| <p><b>Motion:</b> to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions per the final discussion on February 15, 2014 with the condition that the Conservation Administrator will perform a site visit to approve placement of various species to be planted on site.</p> |
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| <p>Drisko moved</p> |
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| <p>Westman seconded</p> |
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| <p>Wasserman – Aye, Drisko – Aye, Geller – Aye, Westman – Aye, Arguimbau – Aye,</p> |
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| <p>5-0-0 Motion Passed</p> |
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| <b>7:45 PM</b> | <b>Discussion/Action Items</b> | <b>HARDING STREET</b> |
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Jose Da Silva presented on behalf of the property owner of 32 Harding St., Steve Levangie who was present. The addition to the single family home on site will include a base on ten helicon piers. The project will remove less than 5 gallons of soil. Additionally, 16”-60” will be regraded downgrade of the construction to minimize the amount of debris removed on site while preventing it from going into the wetland. A 12” silt fence will provide a second level of protection in proximity to the wetland. Part of the project includes expanding an existing deck from 268 sf to 404 sf.

Members voted to approve the plan and issue a Negative Determination with the condition that there will be no downspout constructed on the northwest corner of the home.

**Motion:** to close the hearing and approve the plan and issue a Negative Determination with the condition that there will be no downspout constructed on the northwest corner of the home.

Drisko moved

Geller seconded

Wasserman – Aye, Drisko – Aye, Geller – Aye, Westman – Aye, Arguimbau – Aye

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**78:10 PM Discussion/Action Items 310 Mansfield potential construction, Vivian Jreig**

Philibert shared his screen showing the location on the GIS map with the FEMA Flood plain and habitat layers visible. The septic is located in the front of the house on the property. The existing single family home is one-story and 4,000 sf. The property owner, Vivian Jreig is meeting the commission after speaking with Philibert to receive guidance on the possibility of expanding the home to include a three season room and porch.

Jreig shared her screen showing plans. Members discussed the likelihood of approving a plan where the addition was constructed on pillars: filing an RDA would be necessary with a plan on pillars. Filing an NOI would be necessary for other types of foundations.

There are no plans to cut or remove trees. There is a 100 sf deck currently, the plan proposes adding an addition 460 sf of floor coverage over the lawn area. Any plan would necessitate work near wetlands and resource areas, and a riverfront area on the property. Members would likely issue conditions with any type of approved permit.

**8:30 PM Discussion/Action Items Lake Update**

The lake is now in the correct range for this time of year. CPC agreed to issue funds for lake treatment. Philibert will be discussing permitting for the \$500,000 alum treatment that is meant to sequester phosphorous in the sediment. The LMAC is also considering other types of treatment like aeration systems that would help with the phosphorus load. Aeration costs are estimated to be at least \$1,000,000. Further study will inform the LMAC's decisions. CPC voted unanimously to allocate the \$500,000 for alum treatment.

**8:34 PM Discussion/Action Items Conservation Administrator Update**

Philibert told members that the Lake Update served as the Conservation Administrator Update.

**8:35 PM Discussion/Action Items Vacancy on the Conservation Commission**

At the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, the commission will meet and interview the three applicants seeking to fill the vacancy on the commission: Paula DeSantiago, Bradford McKeen, and Suzanne Howard.

**8:35 PM      Other Business      Approve Minutes for February 1, 2024**

Members voted to approve the minutes as amended to describe the primary focus of the work down at the Rattlesnake Hill entrance: to place boulders to prevent entry for dumping.

**Motion:** to accept the February 1, 2024 minutes as amended.

Drisko moved  
Wasserman seconded  
Wasserman – Aye, Drisko – Aye, Geller – Aye, Westman – Aye, Arguimbau – Aye  
5-0-0 Motion Passed

**8:37 PM      Other Business      Executive Session**

**Motion:** go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a potential property acquisition and then adjourn at the end of the Executive Session.

Westman moved  
Geller seconded  
Wasserman – Aye, Drisko – Aye, Geller – Aye, Westman – Aye, Arguimbau – Aye  
5-0-0 Motion Passed