Conservation Commission Meeting Virtual Meeting March 24, 2022

Roll call was taken of members and staff present included: Chair, Peg Arguimbau, Vice Chair, Meredith Avery, and Stephen Cremer. Colin Barbera, Keevin Geller, Alan Westman, and Jon Wasserman were not present. Staff present included Josh Philibert, Conservation Administrator and Jana Katz, Conservation Secretary.

Arguimbau opened the meeting by reading Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020. As of June 15, the measure was extended in An Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted during the State of Emergency, allowing by Governor Baker to continue to permitting virtual public meetings until April of 2022. Per guidance from the State, Arguimbau noted that all votes would be taken by roll call. She then reviewed the ground rules for the meeting.

The remote meeting was called to order at 8:00pm. There was no quorum.

8:00 PM Public Hearing RDA 9 Mayflower Lane, Noah Oshry - Landscaping Plan

Members in attendance heard presentation regarding an RDA proposal for a project located at 8 Mayflower Lane, the hearing was continued to April 7, 2022.

8:16 PM Discussion Item Conservation Administrator Update

Philibert briefed members on lake levels: currently it is at 9.8, by April 15th it should be at 10. He had received comments from residents that the lake seemed low but this is in the appropriate range for this time of year.

Philibert has also been working with Maria De La Fuente on grant applications for a control structure for the Great Cedar Swamp. They are working with Peg and looking at other towns to decipher a cost estimate. The town may be able to potentially install the structure in conjunction with Sterns Irrigation. Part of the land goes through MA Audubon land. De La Fuente is looking into long term grant opportunities that would help designate Sharon as an eco-tourism spot. Long term monitoring with HOBO and other data collecting apps would also be a part of the plan.