

Conservation Commission Meeting  
Virtual Meeting  
November 3, 2022

Roll call was taken of members and staff present included: Chair, Peg Arguimbau, Jonathan Wasserman, and Alan Westman. Colin Barbera, Meredith Avery, and Keevin Geller were not present. Stephen Cremer arrived at 7:41 PM. 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, 2022 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 March 31, 2023. 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 7:30 pm.

<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Discussion Item(s)</b>	<b>Stormwater Rules and Regulations</b>
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The current language will be edited for formatting issues and sent out before the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Accompanying it, will be the permitting forms for members' review.

<b>7:35 PM</b>	<b>Discussion Item(s)</b>	<b>Lake Update</b>
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Philibert updated commissioners on the lake's temperature and level: 60 degrees F and 9.4 respectively. Typically this time of year coincides with a lake level at 9.5-9.8. Philibert noticed the presence in cyanobacteria in the water but did not describe it as a "bloom." He did observe some clusters of bacteria under a microscope. Philibert believes this happened last year as well due to the dissolved oxygen level at the bottom of the lake combined with the phosphorous presence.

<b>7:38 PM</b>	<b>Other Business</b>	<b>Paul Revere Road</b>
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Philibert went to inspect the erosion controls at 24 Paul Revere Road. An RDA was issued to Daniel Ruvinsky on September 2, 2022 for construction of a single family home. The controls in place were not the agreed upon controls: a 12 inch compost sock and biodegradable mesh. Instead, it was a straw-filled sock. Philibert contacted the property owner and the erosion controls were properly replaced. Philibert has been in touch with the building inspector, Dana Hinthorne, about the matter.

<b>7:41 PM</b>	<b>Discussion Item(s)</b>	<b>Enforcement Update: 61 Eisenhower Drive</b>
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Arguimbau and Philibert informed Tim McGuire who was present on behalf of Goddard Consulting, that the violation would be addressed at the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

<b>7:44 PM</b>	<b>Discussion Item(s)</b>	<b>Conservation Administrator Update</b>
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Philibert has set up a time to check the site for DEP Water Main project located at 675-727 S. Main Street. The RDA for the project was issued on August 26, 2022. Work is anticipated to begin next Tuesday.

There was no new information regarding the Cranberry bogs or Cedar Swamp to report to commissioners. Philibert informed members the preliminary engineering studies for Cedar Swamp will be paid for by DER and the EPA.

<b>7:46 PM</b>	<b>Other Business</b>	Approve October 6 <sup>th</sup> and October 20 <sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes
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Arguimbau informed members they would wait to vote on the October 6, 2022 meeting minutes until the next meeting for additional review time. On the October 20<sup>th</sup> minutes there were grammar corrections and a timestamp correction requested.

<b>Motion:</b> To accept minutes for the October 20, 2022 meeting with amendments.
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Cremer moved

Westman seconded

Wasserman – Aye, Westman – Abstain, Cremer – Aye, Arguimbau – Aye

3-0-1 Motion Passed

<b>7:50 PM</b>	<b>Discussion Item(s)</b>	Recording Fees
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Commissioners and staff discussed recording fees and ensuring all permit holders properly record documents at the county. The department needs to decide how to address the issue of applicants not registering permits and certificates with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds as required by the town bylaw and rules and regulations (this includes Notices of Intent, Requests for Determination, and related documents).

Guidance from DEP suggested that the department register any currently unregistered documents with the NCRD and then bill the applicants/permit holders.

For moving forward, the department will include language in the special conditions requiring registering the documents before work can begin. The department will also work on compiling a list of documents that need to be registered. It was decided the department would send any permit holder who has not informed the office of the book and page number instructions on how to do so.

The department will not look into registering documents on behalf of applicants at this time. The matter will be revisited in eight months to evaluate this process. If it is not successful, the department will discuss fronting the recording fee (\$106) and what would be necessary for funding purposes with Krishan Gupta and accounting.

<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>Other Business</b>	Adjournment
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The next meeting will be held Thursday, December 1, 2022. The October 6<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes will be taken up at that meeting.

**Motion:** To adjourn

Cremer moved

Wasserman seconded

Wasserman – Aye, Westman – Aye, Cremer – Aye, Arguimbau – Aye

4-0-0 Motion Passed