

Conservation Commission Meeting  
Sharon Community Center  
February 1, 2018 - DRAFT

Peg Arguimbau, Chair, Jon Wasserman, Michael Donatelle, Keevin Geller Stephen Cremer and Alan Westman were the members present. Meredith Avery was not present. The Conservation Administrator, Greg Meister, was also present.

A sign-in sheet is on file in the office listing other attendees of the meeting.

Meeting started at 7:45pm

**7:45 PM – Gavin's Pond Deed**

Arguimbau passed around four copies of the deed for Commission members to sign. The signing of this deed permanently protects the land surrounding the soccer fields.

**Vouchers**

Members signed vouchers including postage and legal invoices.

**Elections**

Six members were present. Arguimbau spoke with Avery prior to the meeting as she was unable to attend tonight's meeting, and she agreed to remain as Vice Chair if that was the wish of Commission members.

Arguimbau was asked if she wished to remain as Chair. Arguimbau replied she would be willing to stay on as Chair unless anyone else wished to step up.

**Motion:**

Geller, Cremer  
5-0-0

**8:00PM RDA 1 Manor Lane, Lorenzon.  
Beachfront reclamation and cleanup.**

Deborah Lorenzon was present. She explained that she and her husband purchased the home three years ago. At the time of the purchase, the beach front had been let go and was in disrepair. However, she explained that at one time the beachfront looked very nice. At this time her family would like to clean up the Japanese knotwood, poison ivy and weeds which have overtaken a large portion of the beachfront. They would like to clear the area where the stairs come down onto the beach. Lorenzon explained that they had no interest in putting in a dock. Additionally, they would also like to replace the existing dilapidated fence with a newer fence, similar in style and height. The Lorenzon's have met with Meister to review the project and he was in favor of the project and asked that they file an RDA. Greenfield Landscapers will be performing the work. Arguimbau asked that prior to work at the site beginning, that Greenfield and Meister have a meeting to discuss the project. Additionally, the office should be notified. A negative determination on the filing shall be issued.

**Motion:** to close hearing.  
Wasserman, Geller 6-0-0

**Motion** to issue Negative Determination with the above conditions included.  
Wasserman, Westman 6-0-0

**Open Space**

Wasserman presented to Commission members an analysis of the open space survey recently completed. (on file in office). This summary is only on conservation related questions. He has not yet summarized responses regarding the recreation questions.

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**Highlights:**

- 255 responses.
- 1/3 of responders have in lived in town over 20 years.
- 73% of responders had children
- 1/3 of responders had a household member over 60 years old.
- Responders favored preserving open space, with bias towards water resources and open space.  
However, only 8% were willing to sell land for conservation purposes at a “bargain price and only 37% were willing to deed restriction limiting any future development.
- Large percent of responders preferred zoning restrictions on development rather than direct investment
- Land use is divided, though large percent against increased industrial development.
- Growth strategies include: development of commercial space (32%), redevelopment of commercial space (26%) and no growth at all (18%).
- Commercial growth preference: restaurants (905), small retail (85%) and indoor recreation (59%).
- Support for athletic fields and sidewalks.

Commission will continue to look at data and discuss at a future meeting.

March 1 Agenda: Richard Kramer and deer populations and controlled hunting. Division of Fish and Game will have a person at the meeting and make about a 25 minute presentation. Arguimbau will invite members from the Easton, Foxboro and Canton Conservation Commissions.

**Other Business**

- Arguimbau mentioned that the CR on the Billings Street property is almost wrapped up.
- Lake: Meister said everything looks good. No problems resulting from the past storms
- Cape Club – Commission was given right of first refusal to purchase approximately 12 acres of land located at 25 Tiot Street. After a brief discussion, the Commission indicated they are not interested in purchasing.
- Arguimbau asked if members have completed Ethics forms.

**Minutes of December 7, 2017**

Grammatical error on second page.

Question regarding Extension permit granted to Morse Street. Was the extension for two or three years? Meister responded the extension was granted for three years.

**Motion** to accept meeting minutes as amended

Cremer, Westman 4-0-2

Next Commission meeting is scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup>. Westman indicated that he will be unable to attend.

**Motion** to adjoin Cremer, Keevin 6-0-0

Westman will not be at the meeting of Feb 15.

**Motion to adjourn**

**Westman, Geller 5-0-0**

Meeting ended at 9:30pm