

Conservation Commission Meeting  
Sharon Community Center  
July 11, 2019 – DRAFT

Margaret Arguimbau, Chair, Keevin Geller, Jon Wasserman, Michael Donatelle and Stephen Cremer were the members present. Absent were: Meredith Avery and Alan Westman. The Conservation Administrator, Greg Meister, was present.

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

Meeting started at 7:45pm

**7:45 p.m. Notice of Intent**

*364 Mountain Street – Creation of a pasture and horse paddock located within the 100 foot buffer zone*

Karen Skinner Catrone was presenting for the applicant Dhruv Grewal. She explained that Grewal owns two horses which are currently being housed in Middleborough. At this time, Grewal would like to bring them back to Sharon. Catrone showed Commissioners the property plan showing the area of the property Grewal would like to fence off for the horses. This area will be cleared of both trees and the stumps with sand being put in. Another area of the property will also be cleared of trees and stumps, but will remain in a natural state. Arguimbau asked Catrone if it would be possible to move the sand outside of the 100 foot buffer. Grewal was consulted and agreed sand could be moved out of the 100 foot buffer.

The property was flagged on 5/4/19 and 5/19/19. Catrone met on site with Meister to review the line. A few of the flags were moved to better reflect the wetland area. There will be no work on the house and the tree line will remain.

Catrone explained to the Commissioners that prior to purchasing the home, Grewal met with the Animal inspector about the possibility of housing horses. According to Grewal, the Animal inspector said that in regards to the Towns animal regulations, there was enough property to house horses. Arguimbau asked how many trees were to be removed. Meister responded that the area that was being looked at was pretty scrubby and will be clear cut. At this time however, the applicant is still waiting to hear from Natural Heritage. Removal of the trees will be outside of the 50 foot buffer.

Catrone was asked how many low areas needed to be filled and why couldn't the area be left low. Catrone explained that the applicant wished for the area to remain natural but that it also needs to be safe for the horses. They are not building a horse ring; the area is primarily for the horses to roam freely.

Grewal has contracted with a dumpster service to remove manure. The manure will be removed every six weeks.

The size of the lot is a bit over 3 acres. Approximately 3/4ths of an acre will be cleared for the horses, most of which is scrub.

Arguimbau noted that the hearing will not be closed as the DEP has yet to issue a number.

Arguimbau consulted with Meister about putting a Conservation Restriction (CR) on the back of the property. Arguimbau explained to Grewal that a CR runs with the deed of the property. The area looking to be protected is towards the back of the property where the wetlands are, and would be permanently protected and not buildable. Arguimbau asked if the back line could be straightened out (fifty foot back to the corner back of the lot). A boiler plate of a CR will be sent to Grewal where they can include what would be allowable on the land to be protected.

**Motion:** to continue hearing to next meeting date  
Geller, Wasserman 5-0-0

Reminder that a boilerplate CR should be sent to both Catrone and Grewal.

**8:00 p.m. Request for Determination – Hearing Continuation**

21 Livingston Road – Reconstruction and structural expansion of existing dwelling and replacement of a cement pad in front of boathouse

The hearing for this RDA was held on June 20<sup>th</sup>. It was continued to July 11<sup>th</sup> as there was no quorum on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Arguimbau asked Cremer if he had a chance to watch the meeting to which he responded that he did.

Arguimbau continued saying that this filing was pretty much cut and dry – it is a rebuild of an existing home. Arguimbau informed applicant that they did not need to appear at tonight's meeting.

**Motion:** to close the hearing.  
Wasserman, Geller 5-0-0

**Motion:** to issue negative determination with construction per plan  
Geller, Donatelle 5-0-0

Signature page was passed around for signatures.

**8:15 p.m. Request for Determination – Hearing Continuation**

Beach Street, Grove Ave & Clarke Street Water Main Replacement of approx. 1,300 l.f. water main

As with the hearing above, this RDA was held on June 20<sup>th</sup>. It was continued to July 11<sup>th</sup> as there was no quorum. This hearing is also cut and dry, with water main replacement at Beach Street, Grove Ave and Clarke Street.

**Motion** to close hearing  
Wasserman, Cremer 5-0-0

**Motion** to issue a negative determination (as presented at last meeting)  
Wasserman, Cremer 5-0-0

Signature page was passed around for members to sign

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Arguimbau reconfirmed with Cremer that he watched the June 20, 2019 Commission meeting to which he replied in the affirmative.

### **April 4, 2019**

Motion to accept minutes of April 4, 2019  
Cremer, Arguimbau 2-0-3

### **April 25, 2019**

**Motion** to accept minutes of April 25, 2019  
Geller, Donatelle 4-0-1

### **May 16, 2019**

Ask Bottomley to present an update on the bogs to Commission again on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Fix grammatical error.

**Motion** to accept meeting minutes of May 16, 2019 as amended  
Geller, Arguimbau 2-0-3

### **June 20, 2019**

Minor grammatical errors should be fixed.

**Motion** to accept minutes as of June 20, 2019 as amended  
4-0-1 Wasserman, Geller

### **Other Business**

At the last Commission meeting Arguimbau mentioned purchasing and putting up a Memorial plaque honoring both Alice and Tom Cheyer for their years of conservation service. The plaque would be placed at the bottom and top of the Billings trail and would say: "in honor of Tom and Alice Cheyer for 33 years of conservation work 1985-2018. Arguimbau would like a vote of the Commission to approve this.

**Motion:** to get a price for the sign in honor of the Cheyer's and to rename and place the plaque in honor of the Cheyer's along the Billings trail.  
Cremer, Wasserman 5-0-0

### **Lake update**

Meister reported that the lake readings have been good. He noted that the lagoon also has been looking good. There is little fanwort in the cove. He sent an email to

Noah Siegal who responded that a lake survey is scheduled for the end of the month and they are looking to bring in the harvester towards the end of August for suction.

**Next meeting** tentatively for August 8

Open Space Master Plan. Arguimbau has received feedback from Recreation Director and an Advisory member. Both are good with the incorporation of recreational interests into the plan. Arguimbau will be sending out the plan to other Town Boards for their feedback and is hoping to hear back from them by the end of August with a final review by the Commission in September.

**Vouchers** to be signed: Mason and MACC Dues

Arguimbau informed Commission members the possibility of purchasing Rattlesnake Hill and on the recent Selectman meeting. She noted that things are progressing and that financial partners are being sought. There is a short time frame for this purchase, with a special town meeting scheduled for November.

**Motion:** move to adjourn after open space master plan workshop.  
Cremer, Donatelle 5-0-0