

Conservation Commission Meeting
Virtual Meeting
April 1, 2021

Roll call was taken of members and staff present included: Peg Arguimbau, Chair, Stephen Cremer, and Keevin Geller. Alan Westman arrived at 7:32 PM. Vice Chair, Meredith Avery, Colin Barbera, Jon Wasserman were not present. Staff present included John Thomas, Conservation Administrator and Jana Katz, Clerk.

Arguimbau opened the meeting by reading Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020. 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 7:30pm.

7:30 PM	Discussion Topic Rose Lane Restrictions, Mike Khoury
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Attorney Mike Khoury from Madoff and Khoury LLP spoke on behalf of Bill Buckley of Bay Colony Group in Foxboro who is working with property owner Mr. Karl Duguerre of 2 Rose Lane, regarding a potential request for modification of a 1984 Order of Conditions.

In 1984, the Planning Board approved a two-lot subdivision noting that no further subdivision could be made without building a road to Planning Board standards. Further subdivision would also require a majority vote by the Conservation Commission to reverse the restriction.

The Commission's understanding is that the covenant was initially placed for the sole purpose of restricting the land for conservation purpose (i.e. Conservation Restriction). Bill Buckley of Bay Colony was not present but had discussed the matter previously with Thomas. Arguimbau and Geller both agreed they were not in favor of lifting the ban on further subdivision. Westman agreed.

7:54 PM	Other Business Approval of March 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes
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Motion: To issue accept March 4, 2021 meeting minutes as amended.

Cremer moved

Westman seconded

Cremer - Aye, Geller - Aye, Westman - Aye, Arguimbau - Aye

4-0-0 (Motion Passed)

7:55 PM	Other Business Warrant and Signatures
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Arguimbau clarified documents requiring a notary: memorandums, deeds, and Conservation Restrictions need to be signed by a notary. Orders of Condition, Certificates of Compliance, Negative Determinations do not need to be notarized. Documents at Town Hall awaiting signatures will not need to be notarized so members may sign them individually at earliest conveniences.

7:58 PM	Other Business Violation Update
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Late Friday afternoon on April 26, 2021, Conservation Agent John Thomas, received an anonymous phone call regarding illegal filling on Harding Street. Thomas went to the area near 40 Harding Street and met Robert Hutton who was using an excavator to dump

materials onto wetlands without a permit. Thomas instructed Hutton to cease immediately and remove all displaced material by hand within seven days. Thomas spoke with Hutton directly. Hutton is not a landowner. Thomas will be issuing a violation to Mr. Hutton.

8:00 PM Other Business Open Space and Recreation Plan

Arguimbau and Avery are working on completing the Conservation Commission's submission to the town's Open Space and Recreation Plan. Arguimbau would like to hire a consultant who is familiar with the CPC and Town Master Plan to review the document. Specific areas of interest include ADA compliance and Environmental Justice. Geller noted that there may be accessible CPC funds that could cover the consultant's cost. Arguimbau will bring more information to the next meeting.

8:06 PM Other Business Lake Management Updates

Arguimbau and Thomas made note of the rising lake levels due to seasonal rain.

8:07 PM Other Business Storm water Bylaw and Regulations

Arguimbau, Thomas, and Avery will be meeting with Fred Turkington, and the DPW to discuss the Storm water Bylaw and the Conservation Commission potentially taking over dam management. Arguimbau believes that although each town must implement a new Storm water Bylaw by July 1, 2021, there may be a way to get a temporary waiver until a new bylaw is in place. They will update the members at the April 15th meeting.

8:10 PM Other Business Dam Management Updates

This will be a topic of the April 15th meeting. No formal update.

8:11 PM Other Business Hearings at Next Meeting

Seven public hearings are scheduled for the next meeting on April 15, 2021.

Arguimbau congratulated Thomas on his one year anniversary of starting with the Commission.

8:14 PM Motion to Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn

Cremer moved

Westman Seconded

Cremer – Aye, Geller – Aye, Westman – Aye, Arguimbau

4-0-0 (Motion Passed)