

Conservation Commission Meeting
Virtual Meeting
January 6, 2022

Roll call was taken of members and staff present included: Chair, Peg Arguimbau, Keevin Geller, and Jon Wasserman, Alan Westman, and Stephen Cremer. Vice Chair Meredith Avery and Colin Barbera 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 7:30pm.

7:30 PM Public Hearings NOI SE-280-0640 27 Lyndon Road, In ground Pool
Huy Pham

Steve Ivas and Jennifer Ha presented on behalf of the applicant. Philibert shared his screen to show erosion controls, the existing one-story dwelling, and proposed project: adding a garage and additional space on the second level as well as a deck. The proposed garage will be 24x24 feet and the proposed deck will be 14x20.5 feet. Known resource areas include Devil's Brook and three overlapping BVWs. A perennial Stream 's too foot buffer goes through where the proposed deck as well as a wetland buffer lines, a 50 foot buffer line going through the deck, in addition to a 75 foot buffer line through the garage.

Jennifer Ha shared her screen to illustrate erosion controls.

Arguimbau and Philibert discussed the amount of disturbance and the likelihood of the perennial stream being a wildlife corridor. Ivas confirmed everything would be done within the 200 foot buffer and discussed planting plans with the chair.

Geller, Westman, and Wasserman discussed potential changes to septic (there are none as the house will remain a three-bedroom), storm water runoff (a cultic system or water retention system will be included) and the full foundation with no plan for a basement in the plans.

Members decided the hearing would be continued to January 20, 2022 and asked for more information regarding planting plans.

Motion: To continue the hearing for SE-280-0460 to January 20, 2022

Cremer moved

Geller seconded

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

5-0-0 (Motion Passed)

8:01 PM Continued Hearings NOI SE-280-0580 Briggs Pond, Aquatic Management

Nita Frank and Leslie Koval represented the Briggs Pond Homeowners Trust. Members decided to issue an OOC valid for three years after receiving the requested additional information regarding copper algaecide treatment.

Motion: To issues an AOC for a period of three years for SE-280-0580

Wasserman moved

Westman seconded

Wasserman – Aye, Cremer – Aye, Geller – Aye, Westman – Aye, Arguimbau – Aye,
5-0-0 (Motion Passed)

8:04 PM Discussion Items Lake Management Committee

Laura Russel and Debbie Tatro addressed members on behalf of the LMC outlining proposed changes to the LMC that will be included in the warrant article submitted for Town Meeting. More comprehensive testing is a top priority for the LMC to address the extreme weather conditions, presence of e. coli, and algae blooms. Changes include renaming the committee to: Lake Management Advisory Committee.

Questions regarding the Recreation Advisory Committee and Board of Health appointing members to the LMC to increase collaboration moving forward. The original article passed in 1969 and it is the opinion of the LMC that it needs updating. Additional priorities include creating a website with lake management data and public education and outreach.

Arguimbau asked members to review the proposed expanded duties ahead of a vote on whether or not to support the article at the May Town Meeting. The vote will take place at the January 20,2022 meeting.

8:20 PM Discussion Items Governance Study Committee

Arguimbau read the following questions from the GSC:
[November 2021](#)

The Governance Study Committee is reaching out for input from Town officials to help us better understand what is working well, what impediments you face in performing your duties, what could use improvement, and your ideas about making town governance more responsive to Sharon's residents now and in the future.

Our charge touches on the legislative and executive structures and functions of town government. Thinking about your role and responsibilities:

What if anything would you recommend changing? Why?

As you look at the entire Town Meeting process, what might the town do to “assure thorough deliberation and voter participation” in adopting effective legislation for the community?

What do you see as pros and cons of changing to a Representative Town Meeting, Town Council or other form of governing body?

What do you see as pros and cons of retaining the present Open Town Meeting form of governance?

Could you identify significant obstacles to voter engagement or thorough deliberation of matters that come to your board/Committee?

What are your thoughts about recruiting and retention of citizens to your board in years to come? What specific knowledge, skills, or abilities should members of your board have, and how might we best assure that future board members have those attributes?

Knowing what you do about the responsibilities and operations of the Select Board, what do you see as advantages and disadvantages of enlarging the Board?

Arguimbau suggested members reach out to the GSC individually with responses.

8:38 PM Other Business Approve Meeting Minutes from December 2, 2021 & December 16, 2022 (No quorum)

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes from December 9, 2021.

Cremer moved
Westman seconded
Wasserman – Aye, Cremer – Aye, Geller – Abstain, Westman – Aye, Arguimbau – Aye,
4-0-1 (Motion Passed)

Motion: To accept recorded notes from December 16, 2022 at which there was no quorum.

Cremer moved
Westman seconded
Wasserman – Abstain, Cremer – Aye, Geller – Abstain, Westman – Abstain, Arguimbau – Aye,
3-0-2 (Motion Passed)

8:40 PM Other Business Voucher for JM Goldson, LLC

Motion: To pay JM Goldson, LLC the amount of \$1,630 for work on the OSRP.

Geller moved
Wasserman seconded

Wasserman – Aye, Cremer – Aye, Geller – Aye, Westman – Aye, Arguimbau – Aye
5-0-0 (Motion Passed)

8:43 PM Other Business Conservation Administrator Update

Philibert reported to members that the lake is currently at its maximum for this time of year by policy. He also informed members about a broken dam at Knifeshop Pond and that Eric Hooper from the DPW said they will look into repairing it.

8:46 PM Other Business 21 Beach Road

Arguimbau and Philibert reviewed the parcel and spoke with David Oberlander about the erosion controls and seeding in the Spring.

Motion: To close the hearing and issue a COC for SE-280-0639, 21 Beach Road.

Wasserman moved

Cremer seconded

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

5-0-0 (Motion Passed)

Motion: To adjourn

Cremer moved

Geller seconded

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

6-0-0 (Motion Passed)