

Conservation Commission Meeting
Sharon Community Center
February 25, 2016 - DRAFT

Peg Arguimbau, Chair, Meredith Avery, Linda Orel and Stephen Cremer were the members present. Not present were Alan Westman and Keevin Geller. 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

7:45pm – Arguimbau explained to the Commission members that the codification project will not be ready for May Town meeting. Arguimbau asked Commission members if they wanted to move ahead and submit the Commissions changes to the bylaw (which will need to be renumbered to reflect original bylaw before proposed changes due to codification) or to wait until the fall town meeting when the codification is complete and submit at that time. Members agreed to wait until fall town meeting to submit changes.

Arguimbau spoke with R. McGrath and N. Seigal of the Lake Management Committee. They would like to present what the Committee has been working on at the Commission's March 17th meeting.

Meeting Minutes, February 4, 2015

- Correct spelling error on page one at first bullet: **Order**.
- Page 2. Cremer suggested including a "0." Before .7
- Page 4. Clarify that feedback from Orel was via email.
- Page 4. Remove sentence indicating that R. McGrath is Commissions Rep.

Motion: Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2016 as amended.
Cremer, Avery 3-0-1

8:00PM – Notice of Intent. Old Post Road Roadway Improvements, DEP #SE280 -
Robert Shelmerdine representing the applicant.

This hearing is a continuation from February 4, 2016

Applicant was waiting for the Peer review comments from Tom Houston who reviewed the proposed drainage of the site. They have since had time to review and discuss with Houston and at this time, there are no real concerns. Killeen had a couple of conference calls with Houston.

- 1) Infiltration. Houston suggested that infiltration, if possible, should be introduced into the roadway. Killeen believes this can be accomplished by putting in leaching basins at certain points within the vicinity of the bogs. An additional detention basin will be put in at the lower end of the roadway. This will act as a wick in order to promote additional infiltration and will not affect the bog or landowner access.

- 2) At certain points along the roadway (not near the bogs) the sidewalks will slope towards the grass area instead of onto the roadway.
 - 3) Houston has asked for developer to perform additional soil testing.
- The final set of plans should include all changes.
 - At the end of the project, the roadway will become a Town Road. Both developers of the project, along with Shelmerdine and Town Manager have been working on a development agreement in which a bonding mechanism will be put in place.

Abutter – Ed McSweeney. – Inquired about the project and had some concerns regarding vibration from work being done as well as the potential of water being pushed towards his home. Developer will look into the problem of the vibration, and haybales have been placed around project.

Motion: Hearing will be closed pending Commissions receipt of updated plans.

Avery. Orel 4-0-0

The Order of Conditions will reflect the comments of PSC (Houston’s firm) and reflect the updated plan.

Certificate of Compliance: 6 Borderland Road. Members signed.

Warrant was signed by Commission members.

Brief discussion of Guidelines Governing the Organization:

- Personnel board has the job description of staff including responsibilities; therefore, it is felt we do not need them to be in the Guidelines.
- Secretary position. (Meister informed Commission that the job description for this position is being updated.
- Section 12 – DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION’S EMPLOYEES - Should include statement: “recommended by Commission and approved by Personnel Board”.

Meister met with the technical team regarding Cedar Swamp. It is felt that it would be quite useful for Commission members to have a site visit in sometime in early to mid-April. An afternoon visit would be preferred as it would be less expensive. Looking at a starting time of 3 to 3:30pm. Meister will check to see if either April 4th or the 5th will work.

Meister inspected the check dam (off of Wolomolopoag) and found that it has been reinforced.

Cedar Swamp Symposium – A site visit will be held on May 25th. Meister will send members information on this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Next meeting will be March 17th.