

Conservation Commission Meeting  
Sharon Community Center  
March 31, 2016 - DRAFT

Peg Arguimbau, Chair, Meredith Avery, Linda Orel, and Keevin Geller and were the members present. Members not present were Alan Westman and Stephen Cremer. 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 – Notice of Intent: Aquatic Management Program, Briggs Pond**

Colin Gosselin and Rick Ruby, representatives from Solitude, were present for the applicant. Gosselin outlined for the Commission members how and why they would be treating the pond. He explained that Ms. Koval would be lowering the pond prior to treatment. They will need to go out and survey the pond, and treatment must begin prior to the plants growing. Application and treatment should occur before June. Bladderwort can be found in the pond, and without application, it is capable of taking up over 90% of the pond. The goal of the treatment is not to eradicate, but to clear out high traffic areas in front of homeowners homes so that the residents can use the pond. Prior to work beginning at the site, the office shall be notified. Meister will monitor the work being performed.

**Motion:** to close hearing:

Orel, Geller 4-0-0

**8:00PM Lake Management Update**

Postponed. McGrath and Seigel have requested a later meeting date.

**Community Preservation Committee (CPC)**

**Motion:** to reappointment Keevin Geller to CPC

Avery, Orel 3-0-1

Arguimbau read a letter received from Paul Bergeron, July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee member. A barge will be used this year to light off fireworks. The lower portion of the barge will be cleaned prior to coming to Sharon. The boat ramp will be used. Fire Chief Wright will be coordinating.

Members signed warrants.

**Other Business:**  
**635 Old Post Road**

Discussion: Arguimbau read a letter received from John Lee, an abutter to a project located at 635 Old Post Road. He was concerned with the developer infringing upon wetlands. Meister met with Mr. Lee and walked the property. Meister issued a stop work order to the developer. Meister informed the developer that only hay bales can be installed and that debris must be removed from within the 25 foot buffer zone. The developer will be meeting with Commission members on April 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss a restoration plan. Additionally, the developer has been asked to send to the Commission a letter outlining what has been done along with what they propose to do to rectify the situation.

**Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2016:**

Correct a few grammatical errors.

**Motion:** Approve minutes as amended.

Orel, Avery 4-0-0

**8:30PM – Discussion: Spectra Pipeline**

Meister and Arguimbau attended this meeting.

Arguimbau explained that within Sharon, there is Article 97 lands located along the proposed Route that goes through Sharon. Cathy Kristofferson was a key speaker at the meeting. A power point presentation was shown on Article 97 properties. There were a number of people present at the meeting including folks from Moosehill and other communities which the proposed pipeline is to go through. Folks were reminded to also attend the April 7<sup>th</sup> forum to take place at Sharon High. Town Administrators, Conservation Commission members, Selectman and others are all invited to attend.

The Commission has a scheduled meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>. If they have more than a quorum, perhaps a committee member should attend the forum.

An important question raised is will additional land be needed for the proposed project, and how does this affect the Article 97 land. In order to install pipes, the contractor may need to go outside of the easement.

Meister is concerned that the developer will be attempting to throw money at towns in exchange for replacing land. This is currently happening in Western Mass.

Folks should be reminded that the project is a limited project, and that the Commission has limited ability with what they can do. Environmental impacts of the project will need to be reviewed.

In order for the project to proceed, there must be a vote from the Conservation Commission, Town Meeting and a vote from the State.

**Other Business**

**216 North Main Street**

Geller gave commission members an update on the directional drilling which was used to drill under his pond. Geller explained that he was in awe of the process and that there was absolutely no disruption of the area where the drilling was performed. He explained that there were two small holes on either side of the brook, and there was a pipe sticking out on each side of the brook. The company drilled approximately five feet below the stream, installed a two inch pipe within a four inch pipe and this would go from one side of the stream to the other and extend to a leaching field. From an environmental point of view, Geller was impressed.

Next meeting will be April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Motion to adjourn**

Geller, Avery 4-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.