

Conservation Commission Meeting  
Sharon Community Center  
May 7, 2015

Peg Arguimbau, Chairperson, Stephen Cremer, Linda Orel, Alan Westman and Keevin Geller were the members present. Members not present were: Meredith Avery and Betsy McGrath. The Conservation Administrator, Greg Meister, was present.

Meeting started at 7:45pm

**7:45PM – Request for Determination, 38 Beach Road**

**Proposed installation of small patio and fire pit**

The applicant asked for a continuance to Thursday, May 21, 2015 @ 8:15pm

Motion: Cremer, Westman 5-0-0

**Approval of April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes**

Under regulations and bylaws: replace May 1<sup>st</sup> with to discuss at the first meeting in May

**Motion to accept minutes as amended**

Westman, Cremer 4-0-1

Voucher for Sprint and Gelerman was signed

Certificate of Compliance at 77 Hampton Road was signed

**8:00PM Old/New Business**

Arguimbau drafted a letter regarding regional planning. Before the letter was mailed, she spoke with Town Manager, Fred Turkington. He recommended that prior to mailing the letter, she should speak with David Crosby of Water Management. Arguimbau planned to send the letter to Towns which she felt whose water use would affect us. These include: Mansfield, Walpole, Foxboro and Norton. Mesiter suggested including Easton. Discussion ensued about possible content of the letter. What specifics to include and what our concerns are. Question was asked if DEP could be involved. The response was anyone can be involved. The Canoe River Watershed concept was a good idea, group of Towns working together, but it really did not work out. Meister believes discussion of water has to happen at a higher level than the Canoe River. He does not believe that the Water Management Initiative goes far enough. The State is preparing to give Towns an increase in pumping abilities. It is a good start to try to get folks from other Town's to meet as well as to put out information ahead of time.

Our selectman are Water Commissioners, is it the same in other Towns? How does this affect the involvement of the people from other Towns? Are they all on the same level? Arguimbau is not sure of that answer. Should we be dealing, or should this be dealt with by higher authorities? She will get in touch with Crosby.

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The Lake water temperature is up to 72 degrees. This indicates that we do not have a lot of spring water feeding into the Lake. Last year the lake was up to the mid 80's. If same conditions as last year, then eventually the trout will end up in Sucker brook which will result in the lake needing to be opened up, as the trout cannot survive in that warm of water. The Lake was opened up last year. Meister has been checking with fisherman this season and there does not seem to be much trout.

**Regulation and bylaw update.** Arguimbau began reviewing on her own. She suggested having a working session to review both the regulations and bylaws. A meeting date was set for May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Eco-Tourism Committee.** Conservation members voted to appoint Alan Westmans as its representative to the Eco-Toursim Committee. Alan will report back to the Commission on the results of the meeting.

**Hammershop Pond Update.** Perhaps have Peter O'Cain come in on May 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss where things stand to date.

**Motion to adjourn**

Geller, Orel 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm