

Conservation Commission Meeting
Sharon Community Center
June 4, 2015 - DRAFT

Peg Arguimbau, Chairperson, Stephen Cremer, Meredith Avery, Betsy McGrath, Alan Westman, Keevin Geller, and Linda Orel were the members present. The Conservation Administrator, Greg Meister, was also present.

Meeting started at 7:50pm

7:45PM – Hearing Continuance, 38 Beach Road

Request from applicant to continue hearing to another date.

McGrath, Orel 7-0-0

Hammershop Pond – The town received another extension for repairs to the dam. There have been some ongoing discussions with regards to repairing the dam. There is an existing plan about keeping water going downstream while the dam is being worked on. Arbuimbau suggested having Peter O’Cain come in on the 18th of June for an update.

Regional Water Planning – Weston Sampson presented at the Lake Review Committee. The Power point document will be emailed to Commission members. It was an interesting presentation and all members are encouraged to watch the meeting so that it can be discussed at a future meeting. Weston Sampson was the consultant who worked on the Master Water Plan five years ago. The presentation made clear that the sub-basins are in significant deficit. Weston and Sampson narrowed down areas they believed could be useful for re-charge. McGrath believes that the models as presented are interesting, and that it is important to remember that the models are only a representation of those factors which are put into them. It is also important to remember that the models are only a small part of the larger picture, and when decisions are made, this should be taken into account.

Lake - The Selectman are concerned that there should be back up for Meister. They would prefer a Town employee and at some point, will discuss at a Selectman’s meeting. Arguimbau countered that it is the Commissions belief that the backup should be a Commission member and not a Town employee.

Concern from Orel that whoever is the backup will need to be trained and would need to take direction from Meister. If Meister is out of Town and there was an issue, Meister feels that they should phone him to review what should be done. It is the belief that the Selectman may prefer a Town employee as they are concerned with liability.

On Sunday, the lake level was 10.1 and Monday it was 10.2

Meister informed the Commission that while he was at the flume house earlier that day, he noticed folks from the Fish and Game at the boat launch. They explained that they were performing a survey of lake. They were looking at the profile and the water

temperature. In order to survey, they shocked the lake in order to bring the fish up to the top to determine age and growth of the fish. Meister will follow up with them to see if the Commission can receive copies of the reports they will be preparing.

The next Lake Management Review Committee meeting will be in June. After that point, the meetings may then go to quarterly.

Regulation and bylaw update. Orel met with Kate Connolly to discuss her assistance with updating the regulations and bylaws. Connolly anticipated that it should take her approximately 4 hours to review (2 hours for regulations and 2 hours for the bylaws) and will charge the Commission a reduced rate of \$200 per hour. She sent in a proposal dated June 3rd for work to be performed.

Motion: To accept proposal review and comment on our bylaws and regulations.
Cremer, Orel 7-0-0

Contract was signed by Arguimbau. Orel will forward the signed contract to Connolly.

May 7 Meeting Minutes.

Top of page 2, at trout, change to: trout cannot survive in water that warm.
It was recommended to put in the following: the lake was opened last year in order to lower the lake temperature.

Motion to accept the meeting minutes as amended.

Cremer, Geller 5-0-2

May 21 Meeting Minutes

At members present, add Linda Orel

Second paragraph up from the bottom on page 1 – should say: granting.
Third line of the second paragraph, first page: should say: with bump out.
First paragraph of the first page at: Leaching field...should change to say: full length of the pipe running across the property to the leaching field.
First page – should clarify and say: run pipe under the brook instead of through the pond.

Second paragraph on the second page. Clarify that it is the Neighbor across Canton Street who is concerned about runoff.

Third page. At certified letter should say: stating his position regarding this project
Third page, a couple of paragraphs up: take out the word DEP

Page two, last line, take out one of the “a’s

Page three. Columbia Gas, Gas should be capitalized.

Lycot has been bought by aquatic control, but should be Aquatic Control

Page three, 3rd paragraph. Change Decarbonel to Avery.

Page four: swammie is acronym. Should be SWMI

Motion to accept as amended May 21st Minutes as amended.
Westman, Orel 7-0-0

Commission Members signed the following:
76 Azalea Road Certificate of Compliance.
Voucher – Peter Fletcher

Arguimbau mentioned that there had been a legal inquiry from Gelerman & Cabral regarding questions that were asked regarding recent Executive Session and legal bills the Commission received.

Next meeting dates. Recommend to have one meeting in July and one in August.
July 2nd, August 6th,

A reminder should be sent around the middle of July for the August meeting. Beginning in September, will go back to first and third Thursday.

In preparation for next Thursdays meeting – working session for the bylaws (June 11th at 7pm) Arguimbau will send out documents ahead of time.

Motion to adjourn
Cremer, McGrath 7-0-0