



**NORWELL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
Room 112 / 345 Main Street / Norwell, MA and Remote  
**781-659-8022**  
**February 6, 2024 @ 6:30 PM**  
**Minutes**

Present: Chair Marynel Wahl, Vice Chair Bob Woodill, Bob McMackin, Ron Mott, Doug Luoma, Justin Ivas, Tricia DeGiulio, Conservation Agent Will Saunders, and Recording Clerk C. Sullivan. Mr. Ivas arrived at 6:45 PM. The meeting was held in the Conservation Office and by online conferencing.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair Marynel Wahl. The meeting was recorded.

**AGENDA ACCEPTANCE**

The Commission reviewed the proposed agenda.

*Motion by Mr. Mott to approve the agenda as posted. Seconded by Ms. DeGiulio and unanimously voted.*

**COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**Citizen Comments**

None

**New Business**

**Upcoming Meetings**

Mr. Saunders noted that the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners annual conference was coming up on March 2nd.

**Forest Street Culvert Collapse - Emergency Certificate Ratification**

Mr. Saunders issued an Emergency Certificate to allow Highways to repair a collapsed culvert on Forest Street. The previous Highway Commissioner had inserted a 12 inch pipe into the older 18 inch pipe, and there may be similar issues elsewhere in Town.

*Motion by Mr. Mott to ratify the Emergency Certificate. Seconded by Mr. Luoma and unanimously voted.*

**Inland Dredging Grants - Preliminary Discussion re: Jacobs Pond**

Mr. Saunders advised that grant funding was now available for pond dredging; it is too late for this year but he would like to apply for funding next year for Jacobs Pond, as this could complement the fish ladder construction and ongoing invasives treatment.

All briefly discussed options for matching funds, if needed, including CPC and the Conservation Fund. Mr. Saunders will reach out to area wetland scientists for quotes on a feasibility study.

**Old Business**

**2024 Farm Use Plan Reviews**

**Stetson**

Mr. Saunders has not received a farm use plan to date from Jon Haskins.

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### Whiting Fields

All briefly discussed options to fund stone wall clearing, including interns or trail crew; the Town limits the number of Council on Aging workers. Mr. Ivas suggests that the Commission calculate a cumulative fee that takes the stonewall length at each property into consideration, averaging it across the board for each farmer.

### **Highway Yard Septic Update**

Mr. Saunders advised that he had received as-built plans for the unpermitted sewer pipe, and the pipe seemed to be working to date. He had prepared and signed an enforcement order, as discussed at the January 23 meeting, but not issued it. A majority of Commissioners agreed to postpone its issuance provided that an After-the-Fact Notice of Intent was received in the Conservation Office by 12 noon on March 5th.

*Motion by Mr. Woodill to postpone issuance of the Enforcement Order to March 5th, at 12 noon, if a Notice of Intent is not received by then. Seconded by Mr. Luoma and voted 5-1-0, Mr. Ivas having voted no.*

### **AGENT'S REPORT**

Water and Wetland, an invasives management company, reached out to Mr. Saunders; they may be of assistance at Jacobs and other properties.

Highway Commissioner Glenn Ferguson advised that lots under construction on the Scituate side of the Laurelwood development are displacing drainage into Norwell basins.

### Violations

#### **17 Arrowhead**

Restoration plan is pending.

#### **46 Bridge St**

Mr. Saunders issued a violation notice for non-hazardous tree removal. A "town bylaw only" Notice of Intent with restoration is pending.

#### **42 Central**

Minor modification is pending.

#### **205 Winter St.**

Applicant exceeded the land disturbance permitted under stormwater review, causing flooding onto the neighboring property. Four of the five violation notices Mr. Saunders issued have been returned; he will post one last notice on the front door. Commissioners Mott and Woodill suggested that he notify the realtor handling the sale of the property so they would be obligated to disclose the violations to potential buyers.

### Administrative Permits & Requests

#### **141 Riverside**

Mr. Saunders conducted an administrative stormwater review for the construction of a single-family home and grading; an approval was issued with conditions.

#### **40 Loring Drive**

Mr. Saunders issued an administrative permit for the removal of two hazardous trees inside the 100 ft buffer.

## **SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### **CPC**

The Select Board has withdrawn their grant request to fund a feasibility study for affordable housing on a section of the Carleton Property. Mr. Saunders would like a parking lot to access the fields to be part of the project if it goes forward.

### **BILLS**

The following bills were presented for payment:

Christopher Sullivan	Meeting minutes	\$200.00
Doodycalls	Waste stations	\$472.80
Gannett Local IQ	Legal ad	\$28.20

*Motion by Mr. Mott to pay the bills as listed. Seconded by Mr. Ivas and unanimously voted.*

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 23 meeting were distributed.

*Motion by Ms. DeGiulio to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2024 meeting as submitted. Seconded by Mr. McMackin and unanimously votes, Mr. Woodill having abstained.*

**7:00 PM**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/LEGAL DOCUMENTS/VOTES**

\*Legal Documents/Votes \*Minor Amendments, Reviews, \*CoC's\*Requests for Determination

\*Notices of Intent \*Enforcements/ Violations

Mr. Woodill read the Notices of Public Hearing

### **39 Satuit Meadow Lane / NCC# 3(24) / Addition**

**RDA / DoA Applicant:** Jason & Susan D'Entremont / **Representative:** Brendan Sullivan, Merrill Eng.

Applicant wishes to construct a new addition in existing lawn area mostly outside the 100 ft buffer. An updated delineation by Brad Holmes shows indicates that the wetland line has moved further away from the property. Markers are already posted. There was no public comment.

*Motion by Mr. Woodill to issue a pos 2b, pos 5, neg 3 Determination of Applicability. Seconded by Mr. Ivas and unanimously voted.*

**7:15 PM**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Discussion of issues and/or land offers/land of interest, disclosure of which will impact negotiating position of the Commission and/or Town. Return to regular meeting.

*The Commission polled into Executive Session at 7:15 PM to discuss potential litigation and then return to Open Session. Wahl, aye; Woodill, aye; Luoma, aye; McMackin, aye; Ivas, aye; Mott, aye; DeGiulio, aye.*

The Commission polled out to Regular Session at 7:45 PM: Wahl, aye; Woodill, aye; Luoma, aye; McMackin, aye; Ivas, aye; Mott, aye; DeGiulio, aye.

Next Meeting	February 20, 2024
NEW filing applications due date/deadline	February 6, 2024 @ noon
Legal Notice publication date-Norwell Mariner	February 14, 2024
Revised Information submittal deadline	February 13, 2024 @ noon
Peer Review Supplemental Info Deadline, CoC Requests, Minor Modification & LP Requests	February 13, 2024 @ noon
Public Information Written Comments	No deadline

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. McMackin to adjourn at 7:48 PM. Seconded by Mr. Ivas and unanimously voted.

I hereby certify that the above minutes were presented and approved by a majority vote of the Norwell Conservation Commission on February 20, 2024.

  
Marynel Wahl, Chair