

**Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
October 22, 2013**

The Conservation Commission held a meeting on October 22, 2013 in the Lakeville Town Office Building Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bouchard at 7:01 p.m. Members present were Robert Bouchard, Joseph Chamberlain, Linda Grubb, Derek Maksy, Martha Schroeder and Ryan Trahan. Sarah Kulakovich, associate member; Nancy Yeatts, Conservation Agent; and Jennifer Jewell, recording secretary were also present.

**7:00 p.m. – 16 Priscilla Drive – Certificate of Compliance**

**Bennett**

There was a review of the request for a partial Certificate of Compliance for the demolition of the old cottage. The remainder of the project is subject to the existing Order of Conditions for SE192-698. The applicants have filed an additional Notice of Intent to cover extensive work that was not approved during the initial permitting process. Upon motion made by Member Chamberlain and seconded by Member Maksy the Commission

VOTED: To issue a Partial Certificate of Compliance for SE192-698. Unanimous vote.

**Payroll Signatures**

Upon motion made by Member Schroeder and seconded by Member Trahan the Commission

VOTED: To authorize Joseph Chamberlain to sign time sheets and payroll. Derek Maksy will serve as the alternate. Unanimous vote.

**Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) – Southcoast Rail**

Member Grubb reviewed the comments prepared by other town boards. It was noted that the FEIR is an extensive document and there was question as to whether the time allotted for review was sufficient. Member Chamberlain stressed the importance of an official reply from the Commission. The response letter will be based on comments drafted by Member Grubb and is due on October 26. The lack of an adequate review period will be mentioned in the letter.

**Seasonal Conversions**

Owners of seasonal properties are proposing changes to year-round use through the Zoning Board of Appeals. There was discussion regarding the impacts of increased use and whether or not the Commission could work with the Planning Board to limit these impacts. It was noted that all use changes must meet the Board of Health and Zoning requirements. There was discussion regarding the financial impact that year round conversion has on a property. It was suggested that the Commission compile a list of issues and concerns that could then be forwarded to the Zoning Board.

**Vigers Property**

There was discussion regarding the installation of additional roadway signage on Pickens Street. There was question as to whether the speed limit could be lowered in that area or if the existing limit could be enforced. Some abutters have voiced concern regarding hunting on the property. It was noted that there is a limited area available for hunting on the site. The length of hunting season was discussed as well as the possible impacts of disallowing hunting.

**Tamarack Park**

The Commission agreed to support Member Schroeder's request that the town pay for her herbicide license. The cost is approximately \$100.00.

### **By-Law Review**

Member Trahan incorporated the Commission's comments into the draft and presented the revised copy for review. Member Grubb voiced concern regarding the length of the by-law. It was noted that the clear definitions will help residents understand the document. Member Chamberlain affirmed the importance of public awareness and input. Member Maksy noted that if this will be part of the general by-laws of the town, then the definitions must be the same. It was stated that the Commission should be in general agreement about the draft by-law before requesting feedback from the public.

Member Maksy stated that the by-law should be no more restrictive than the Wetlands Protection Act (WPA). There was discussion regarding enforcement. It was noted that violations do not always result in fines and there must be a way to waive the penalties. It was suggested the Commission obtain a copy of a by-law recently proposed in Middleboro. It was mentioned that the by-law could be minimized and an addendum could be added for definitions and references. Member Grubb noted that the by-law cannot be strictly enforcement and must be more stringent than the WPA. Member Chamberlain stated that applicants are voluntarily complying with the 25' no touch zone. There was question as to whether this zone was written policy. Chairman Bouchard said that non-compliance cannot be used as grounds for denial. It was decided that the Commission would hold an open forum/discussion and invite other town boards to garner feedback. Ms. Yeatts will contact the Council on Aging to request use of the building.

### **Upcoming Meeting**

The next meeting of the Lakeville Conservation Commission will be held on November 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lakeville Library Conference Room. Upon motion made by Member Maksy and seconded by Member Trahan the Commission

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Unanimous vote.