

## Conservation Commission – September 15, 2022 in Zoom/Conference Call Meeting

Members present were Dr. John Schreiber, Co-Chair Chair, Mrs. Nanci Worthington, and Dr. Doug Hyde. Others present were Ms. Helen Maher.

Meeting was called to order at 5 PM.

Meeting minutes of Minutes August 18<sup>st</sup>, & August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 were accepted as amended.

### New Business:

Maher: Present for this discussion was property owner, Ms. Helen Maher. Property location is 164 Woodleigh Ave. Dr. Hyde mentioned that while he canoeing on the lake and he heard chainsaws and saw workers taken down trees in the lake area. Dr. Hyde spoke with the workers and informed them that he was a member of the Conservation Commission from his canoe and explained to them that any work done within 100 feet of the wetlands needs to file an application with the Conservation Commission. Dr. Hyde asked them to stop work and file an application and when he came back through the daughter was upset and wanted to see Dr. Hyde's identification showing he was a member of the Commission. Dr. Hyde also mentioned that a few days later he saw that more trees were taken down. Dr. Schreiber reviewed the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act with Ms. Maher during the meeting, discussed the jurisdictional areas that may be near or on her property, and the penalties on non-compliance with this State law. Dr. Schreiber also stated has the Commission contacted Department of Environmental Protection who reviewed maps and data and suggested alternatives for the next steps. Ms. Maher mentioned that she has owned the property for fifty years and is willing to do whatever needs to be done. Dr. Schreiber mentioned that the Commission would like to complete a site visit, and required that she hire an environmental consultant a filing of an NOI. Ms. Maher will reach out to engineers and has given a verbal agreement to stop work. A motion was made, seconded and so vote to have property owner contract an engineer to delineate wetlands activity done prior to August 25<sup>th</sup>, submit a NOI with a restoration plan and have a site visit scheduled ASAP.

Mr. Mat Kollmer, Building Inspector reached out to the Commission in regards to 104 Underwood Rd and was inquiring if the property was in the wetlands area. The Commission recommends that a RDA be filed. It was noted that a contractor has reached out and will file an RDA.

### Old Business:

\*Follow site visit – Gagnon - 251 Hartsville Mill River Rd.

\*Follow site visit – Wilson – Knight Rd.

### Mail:

\*Walter Cudnohufsky Associates Inc. -submitted letter given the Commission permission to site visit allow with pictures of trees/shrubs planted on September 10<sup>th</sup> for Petersen – O Mill River Rd.

\* Donation letter from New Marlborough Land Trust

\* Forest Cutting Plan – Crine – 312 County Rd – 200 acres.

\* Forest Cutting Plan – Quinson – Norfolk Rd – 60 acres – extension.

\* Forest Cutting Plan – Britton – Sisson Hill Rd – 68 acres- - extension.

\* Forest Cutting Plan – Lavalette – 155 Hayes Hill Rd – 10 acres – final report.

\* Forest Cutting Plan – Caiola – Aberdeen Lane – 55 acres – final report.

\* Forest Cutting Plan – McGarry – Sisson Hill Rd – 40 acres – final report.

\* Forest Cutting Plan – Belman/Fleury – Sisson Hill Rd – 18 acres – approved.

It was mentioned that a member of the Commission should attend the special permit hearing for Bailin – Deerwood Park Rd on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup> at 5PM.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chretien  
Secretary