

Minutes of the Meeting for the Halifax Conservation Commission June 06, 2023

These minutes are an abstract of the Conservation Commission meeting held Tuesday, , 2023, which are on file with the Conservation Department and posted on the Town of Halifax website and Area58 Halifax's YouTube page.

Present at the Meeting: Edward Lane, Co-Chair, Kimberley King, Secretary, Steve Goodman, Member.
Absent: Kathy Evans, Chair,

Vice Chair Evans calls the Halifax Conservation Commission meeting into session, states members present and announces that the meeting is being recorded by Area 58 and can be viewed on YouTube.

The Conservation Commission meeting opened at 7:00pm

Meeting Link: <https://www.halifax-ma.org/meet/conservation>

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Meeting ID: 813 6012 8403

Passcode: 435918

Hearings:

- **7:00PM – RDA Hearing – 29 White Island Road:** To Build an 8x8 shed 15' from shore. Owner, Richard Moore, will be in attendance.
 - Board discussed the 8x8 shed 15' from shore to be built. Homeowner will not be taking down any trees. Board signed Determination of Applicability.

Motion to approve the 8x8 shed 15' from shore:

Motion: Steve Goodman

Second: Kimberley King

ALL IN FAVOR: (3-0)

Discussions and Actions to be Taken:

- **515 Monponsett Street:** Complaint Update:
 - Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)
 - Determination of Applicability (DOA)
 - Mr. Burgess and the Board discussed his Notice of Intent, trees removed, patio & fire pit, Board agrees no fines and after-the-fact RDA.

Motion to approve an “after-the-fact” RDA to allow the homeowner to keep the patio and fire pit already constructed and approve the increase in size/shape of the floating dock.

Owner to contact Chief Chaves, Harbor/Lake Master for a Chapter 91 application for floating dock.:

Motion: Kimberley King

Second: Steve Goodman

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- **Erosion Grants on and Around the Pond:** Kim King.
 - The Senator's and Representatives did not log in to join the meeting.

- Secretary King updated the Board on erosion grants on and around the pond, resident complaints from the erosion on both East & West pond, other Boards that should be in attendance in a joint meeting, getting support from Water Commissioners, Monponsett Watershed, types of grants, multiple options with the types of grants, water quality and hiring a Conservation Agent. Secretary King read into record many of the grants' options available. Secretary King will share the information she has with the other members of the Board to review for future discussion.
- Levee Breach/Robbins Pond: Halifax Highway to remove the boards and rip rap from the Elm Street and Furnace Street culverts and place them on the embankment for erosion control.
 - Board discussed that Halifax Highway remove the boards and rip rap from the Elm Street and Furnace Street culverts and place them on the embankment for erosion control sometime next week.
- Pine Street Bridge: Erosion control measures placed.
 - Board discussed the erosion control measures are placed and the work at the bridge will commence.
- 285 Holmes Street: (Furniture Storage) Complaint: They have a lift and are doing work on vehicles without a floor drain and also Stormwater Management complaint.
 - Board discussed the Board of Health complaint regarding vehicle work being done in a without a floor drain and stormwater management complaint.
 - An abutter to the property discussed with the Board his concerns with vehicles being repaired and going in and out.
 - Board agreed a site-visit is warranted for the Conservation issues. They will do it along with the Board of Health when they visit.
- 383 Monponsett Street: (Originally came in as 471 Monponsett, but the actual address is 383 Monponsett.)
 - The Board discussed the driveway installed and other work done at the property. Administrative Assistant will send a letter to file an after-the-fact RDA and come to a meeting to discuss the matter with the Board. Board requested Administrative Assistant to reach-out to other Boards for permits that might have been issued. Co-Chair will go by to ensure that no work is being done at this time.
- 31 Ocean Avenue: Complaint Update:
 - Co-Chair Lane updated the Board on his site-visit 05/19/23. The pavement is up, the grass is down, and the erosion control is in place.
 - Secretary King updated the Board and public on a neighbor's concerns of adulticide on the property. She reached out to the Dept. of Agricultural Resources. No pesticides can be sprayed onto a lake. It is the Dept of Environmental Protection in Lakeville that handles these complaints.
- 30 White Island Road: Complaint: Updated. Alleges that a dock was put in and work being done within the 100' buffer zone.
 - The Board discussed the Secretary King's visit. She stated she did not trespass but whether or not the dock was previously permitted was unknown at this time. She stated work is being done and would be happy to do a site-visit.
- 0 Pine Street & 1 Snow Street: Complaint Update: Ongoing operation and storage.
 - Board discussed briefly that this is in Town Counsels hands at this time.

- 265 Monponsett Street: Complaint Update: Concern for Box Turtles during development.
 - The Board discussed that Thorndike Development has conceptually agreed to implement a Division-approved turtle protection plan prior to and during construction.
- 111 Lake Street: Complaint Update: Homeowners within 50' of buffer zone, pushing piles and clearing into the stream.
 - Board discussed briefly that the Administrative Assistant is working on letters to the owner(s) to come-in and discuss the matter with the Board.
- 63 South Street: Complaint Update: Flooding
 - Board discussed that Highway Surveyor Hayward went by the property, which is agricultural/right-to-farm, 63 South Street owner bought bog and is filling in the bog with sand. The Board requested Administrative Assistant to send letter to owner requesting they come to a meeting with documentation that he is allowed to fill-in a bog and discuss the matter.
- 130 Fuller Street: Complaint Update: Flooding
 - The Board discussed the flooding complaint filed and requested Administrative Assistant to send letter to owner requesting they come to a meeting with documentation that he is allowed to fill-in a bog and discuss the matter.
- 471 Monponsett Street: Update: Fire that burned up the scrap yard at the property.
 - The Board discussed the fire at the property and that the Fire Chief is working with owner to clean up the front near the hydrant at the current time. Board requested Administrative Assistant send letter to owner(s) to come in to a meeting to discuss the issue and set-up a site visit.
- 17, 49 & 51 Lake Street's: Complaint Update: Allegations of new Docks being put in.
 - Administrative Assistant working on checking properties for Chapter 91. Board requested Administrative Assistant send a letter to owner(s)
- 250 Ligan Street: Complaint Update.
 - Commission is waiting for DEP's Report.

Signatures: Board approved and signed.

- 29 White Island Road: DOA Signature page
- 515 Monponsett Street: DOA Signature page
- 23 Dartmouth Street: Road opening (4x6 road cut)
- 20 Harvard Street: Road opening (4x6 road cut)
- 12 Harvard Street: Road opening (4x6 road cut)

Meeting Minutes to be Approved and Signed: Board approved and signed.

- March 08, 2022, Meeting Minutes
- April 26, 2022, Meeting Minutes
- May 10, 2022, Meeting Minutes
- April 11, 2023, Meeting Minutes
- April 25, 2023, Meeting Minutes
- May 09, 2023, Meeting Minutes
- May 23, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Motion to sign meeting minutes from previous meetings:

Motion: Steve Goodman

Second: Kimberley King

ALL IN FAVOR: (3-0)

Interoffice Memos & Site Plans: Board Read/Reviewed.

- **Zoning Board of Appeals:**

- 657 & 659A Monponsett Street: Notice of Public Hearing: Special Permit for in-law-apartment.

- Board had no comments, questions, or concerns.

- **Zoning Enforcement Officer:**

- 300 Plymouth Street: Decision Letter on Doggie Daycare.

- Board had no comments, questions, or concerns.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:15pm:

Motion: Steve Goodman


Second: Kimberley King


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Respectfully typed and submitted by:
Peggy Selter
Conservation Commission

Approved Date: 06/20/23


Edward Lane, Co-Chair


Kimberley King, Secretary


Steve Goodman, Member

Next Meeting: June 20, 2023