

# Minutes of the Meeting for the Halifax Conservation Commission August 01, 2023

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These minutes are an abstract of the Conservation Commission meeting held Tuesday, August 01, 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,

Co-Chair Lane 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**

## **Hearings:**

- **7:00pm:** *ANRAD Hearing Continued: 111 River Street:* Peer Review estimates discussion.
  - Peer Review.

A motion was made to Continue the hearing for 111 River Street to Conservation's 09/05/23 meeting.

**Motion:** Steve Goodman

**Second:** Kimberley King

**ALL in Favor:** (3-0)

- **7:05pm:** *NOI Hearing Continued: 359 Plymouth Street:* Grady Consulting – Fill and replicate 1,170SF of BVW for commercial purpose.
  - Eco Systems, Peer Review.
  - Copy of Stormwater Report: Requested by Kim King-Cavicchi at 12/13/22 meeting.
    - Gabriel Padilla, Grady Consulting was present and updated the Board of the process with the Planning Board and Peer Review. Mr. Padilla informed the Board that at the last Planning Board meeting, the Board requested that the design be presented again to the Conservation Commission regarding the location of the trees.
    - The Board, Mr. Padilla, and members of the public (abutter) discussed Dunkin Donuts flooding, water detention, stagnant water, mosquitoes, catch basins, the berm, fill, the trees (Arborvitae's vs Green Giants), the swale, the maintenance of the swale and drainage area, the stormwater report submitted, underground swale off 106 from the 1800's, its stormwater run-off and retention area, it's not on the map (runs down 106 to the cranberry bogs), salt storage, dilution of salt, it's discharge into the groundwater, the Board's concerns of the salt storage and discharge. Board would like to see the salt storage with 0 discharge into groundwater or have the storage eliminated completely. It was discussed that it



could be made a condition of approval in the order of conditions that there be 0 discharge into groundwater of the salt and/or storing the salt at one of their other locations.

A motion was made to Continue the hearing for 359 Plymouth Street to the 08/15/23 meeting.

**Motion:** Kimberley King

**Second:** Steve Goodman

**ALL in Favor:** (3-0)

### **Discussions and Actions to be Taken:**

- 22 Holmes Street: Board's review and thoughts of new plan with garage outside of the 50' buffer zone prior to new official NOI submission.
  - John Burris, owner, presented to the Board a revised plan he would be presenting to Conservation in the near future with the garage outside of the 50' buffer zone. The Board and Mr. Burris discussed the plan, septic system, and lot lines. The Board agreed that once the new Notice of Intent is submitted, they would be more inclined to vote yes to the plan that was presented tonight.
- Cedar Street (M7, L3254): Halifax/Middleborough. Letter of compliance from Middleborough Health Agent Patricia Cassidy.
  - Co-Chair Lane announced to the Board and Public that Middleborough Health Agent Patricia Cassidy sent a letter that Cedar Street (M7, L3254), Halifax/Middleborough was currently in compliance.
- 383 Monponsett Street: Driveway Installation Complaint.
  - Per discussion at 07/18/23 meeting, Administrative Assistant emailed after-the-fact RDA with links to the Wetlands Protection Act/Waterways Program as requested. Not discussed tonight.
- Docks: Update Board discussed briefly. Draft is with Town Administrator for review.
- 0 Pine Street & 1 Snow Street: Update: Ongoing operation and storage. With Town Counsel.
  - Board discussed tentative site-visit set-up by Chair Evans for Friday, August 04, 2023. The Board discussed concerns of storage of construction debris, fill, contaminants, possible old bog, creek & rivers, town of Hanson email of concerns, filling in of bog canals require a Notice of Intent and photos.
- 111 Lake Street: Complaint Update: Homeowners within 50' of buffer zone, pushing piles and clearing into the stream.
  - Second letter signed by Chair sent 07/25/23.
    - Board briefly discussed dock policy.
- 130 Fuller Street: Complaint Update: Flooding.
  - Second letter signed by Chair sent 07/25/23.
    - Board discussed owner's attorney's request for 3 afternoon times to do a site-visit. Any day after 5:30pm and weekends work for the Board.



- 471 Monponsett Street: Update: Fire that burned up the scrap yard at the property. Second letter signed by Chair sent 07/25/23.
  - Board discussed the efforts being made to help owner with dumpsters and junk removal. The Board agrees that a site-visit is not needed but requests a site-visit with owner once everything is done.

### **Meeting Minutes to Approve and Sign:**

- July 18, 2023, Meeting Minutes  
A motion was made to sign the July 18, 2023, Meeting Minutes.  
**Motion:** Steve Goodman  
**Second:** Kimberley King  
**ALL in Favor:** (3-0)

### **Interoffice Memos & Site Plans:**

- **Zoning Board of Appeals:** Board read.
  - 21 Plymouth Street: Decision Letter.
    - Voted to grant Petition No. 993 for a special permit for to build two (2) storage buildings (1800 sqft and 1575 sqft) for equipment and supplies.
  - 9 Lake Street: Decision Letter.
    - Acceptance of letter to withdrawal without prejudice Special Permit and variance to raze, rebuild and expand a damaged structure.

### **Other/New Business: \*\*Any other unscheduled business following posting of this Agenda.**

- **Solitude.** On behalf of their client “The Friends of Upper Mystic Lake”, Solitude Lake Management, would like to request a three-year extension to the current Order of Conditions, DEP File # 346-379, for the continued maintenance of the aquatic vegetation in Upper Mystic Lake. This Order is due to expire on September 2nd, 2023.
  - Board discussed Solitude Lake Management request for would like to request a three-year extension to the current Order of Conditions. Board requested this be added to their next agenda.

### **Executive Session:**

*\*\*\*Executive Session. Discussing strategy with respect to litigation in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating or legal discussions of the Town.*

- Board member requested to go into executive session at 7:50pm.

**Motion was made to go into executive session:**

**Motion:** Kimberley King

**Second:** Steve Goodman

**ALL in Favor:** (3-0)

- Board returned from executive session.

**Motion was made to Adjourn at 8:00pm:**

**Motion:** Kimberley King


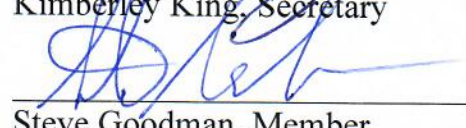
**Second:** Steve Goodman

**ALL in Favor:** (3-0)

**Next Meeting:** September 05, 2023

Respectfully typed and submitted by:  
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Conservation Commission

Approved Date: September 05, 2023

  
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