



# TOWN OF PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 6:30 PM  
LOCATION: Town Hall Meeting Room  
4417 Main St Palmer MA

Donald Blais, Chair  
Dorothy Lawrence, Vice  
Chair  
David Cotter  
Peter Izyk  
Nicholas Zeo  
Brenda Cole  
Lucas McDiarmid

**Members Present:** Donald Blais, Jr.  
Peter Izyk  
Dave Cotter  
Nick Zeo  
Dorothy Lawrence  
Lucas McDiarmid

**Members Absent:** Brenda Cole (arrived at 6:34)

1. **Call to Order:** 6:30 PM – Donald Blais, Jr. (Chair)

2. **Chair, Member & Committee Reports:**

The Chairman updated the Commissioners that there have been six interviews conducted so far for the agent position. He has been impressed with all the candidates. Follow-ups will be sent out and he will keep the PCC up to date when a decision is made.

Brenda Cole arrived at 6:34pm.

3. **Review Mail/Phone Messages:**

**a. Forest Cutting Plan:**

The Chairman stated Linda Leduc, Town Planner, spoke with DCR service forester Jacob Macko last week and he stated that although the plan was received more than 10 days ago, it is still incomplete on his end so if the PCC has any comments to send them along.

Lucas McDiarmid asked how big the cutting is. Based on the map provided it is 152.35 acres. It was discussed that a better map, with topography and wetlands, needs to be submitted, and a run off barrier needs to be put in place.

**b. Site Visits**

29 Fieldstone and 113 Longview St were signed off.

4. **Minutes:** 9/20/22 & 11/1/22

**Motion made by Lucas McDiarmid to table the minutes of 9/20/22 to the 2/7/23 meeting.**

**Motion seconded by Dorothy Lawrence.**

**No further discussion.**

**Motion Caries 5-0.**

**Motion made by Lucas McDiarmid to table the minutes of 11/1/22 to the 2/7/23 meeting.**

**Motion seconded by Dorothy Lawrence.**

**No further discussion.**

**Motion Caries 5-0.**

5. **Signing of Documents:**

- a. COC- DEP #256-0333 Camp Ramah- 39 Bennett St- Amphitheater

**Motion made by Lucas McDiarmid to issue the COC for DEP#256-0333.**

**Motion seconded by Dorothy Lawrence.**

**No further discussion.**

**Motion Caries 6-0-1 with Peter Izyk abstaining.**

- b. COC- DEP #256-0340 Camp Ramah- 39 Bennett St- Waterfront Improvements

**Motion made by Lucas McDiarmid to issue the COC for DEP#256-0340.**

**Motion seconded by Dorothy Lawrence.**

**No further discussion.**

**Motion Caries 6-0-1 with Peter Izyk abstaining.**

## **6. Hearings:**

- a. **39 Bennett St- Camp Ramah- DEP#256-0364**

The Chairman opened the hearing at 6:47pm. Peter Izyk recused himself due to being an abutter. Don Frydryk of Sherman & Frydryk Land Surveying was presenting. He stated a public water supply well is being proposed on the southwest side of the pond. He stated based on the number of people it will serve, it is permitted as “public” by the DEP. There are wetlands to the north of the proposed site. There will be no impact on vegetated wetlands, and no work will be conducted in the flood plain. Erosion control will be staged around the work.

**Motion made by Dorothy Lawrence to close the hearing at 6:56pm.**

**Motion seconded by Brenda Cole.**

**No further discussion.**

**Motion Caries 6-0**

**Motion made by Lucas McDiarmid to issue the COC for DEP#256-0364 for construction of a public water supply well on Camp Ramah campus, 39 Bennet St.**

**Motion seconded by Dorothy Lawrence.**

**No further discussion.**

**Motion Caries 6-0**

## **7. Chair, Member & Committee Reports:**

The Chairman wanted to reiterate to the public that if you use Town land to please pick up after yourself. Lucas McDiarmid also stated that there have been campfires in Midura Wildlife Area, and reminded the public fires are not permitted.

## **8. New/Old Business:**

- a. **Sewage Disposal System comments- Lot 1 Old Warren Rd**

The PCC looked over the files. Brief discussion ensued.

- b. **Sewage Disposal System comments- 111 Boston Road**

The PCC looked over the files. Brief discussion ensued. There are no resource areas in the project area.

- c. **Sewage Disposal System comments- Lot 2 Old Warren Rd**

The PCC looked over the files. Brief discussion ensued.

## **9. Adjourn:**

**Motion made by Lucas McDiarmid to adjourn at 7:20pm.**

**Motion seconded by Dorothy Lawrence.**

**No further discussion.**

**Motion Caries 7-0.**

