



# TOWN OF PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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## MEETING MINUTES

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 21, 2014 @ 7:00 PM**

**Members Present:** Robert Ring (Chair)  
Donald Duffy (Vice Chair)  
Peter Izyk  
Dennis Cote  
Sarah Brodeur

**Members Absent:** Tharyn Nein-Large  
Sean O'Donnell  
Angela Panaccione (Agent)  
Elaine Williamson (Interim Conservation Agent)

**Also Present:** James Lessard, 104 Beech Street  
Nathan Olson, 43 French Drive

**Meeting Opens:** 7:00 PM – Donald Duffy (Vice Chair)

**7:02 PM Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA): James Lessard – 104 Beech Street**

A Request for a Determination of Applicability, submitted by James Lessard of 104 Beech Street, for the proposed work that will entail construction of a 641 sq. ft. deck with stairs.

Mr. Lessard presented his project to the Commission. . The proposed work will occur within the 100-foot buffer zone of Lake Thompson (95 feet from the water). The footing of the deck will be Techno Metal Posts that will replace concrete. Depth of the posts will vary. For installation the blades are on the post itself.

The Commission issued the following conditions for work:

1. All work is to be completed by hand.
2. There will be no removal of any vegetation during deck construction.
3. The maximum ground disturbance permitted is for the installation of the Techno Metal Posts for footings.
4. All materials and equipment will be stored outside of the 100-foot buffer zone to Lake Thompson when not in use.

**Motion made by Dennis Cote to issue a Positive Determination with conditions, finding the work is within the buffer zone but will not alter an area subject to the WPA**

**Motion seconded by Donald Duffy**

**No further discussion – vote taken: 5-0-0– Motion Carries**

**7:06 PM Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA): Nathan Olson – 7 Smith Street**

A Request for a Determination of Applicability, submitted by Nathan Olson of 43 French Drive, for the proposed work that will entail demolition of existing House #7 Smith Street and reconstruction of a new single-family house. The proposed work will occur within the 100-foot buffer zone of Lake Thompson (51 feet from the lake).

Mr. Olson presented his project to the Commission. The house is 51 feet from the lake- from the side of the house facing the lake. The addition to the house would be 90' from the lake and 10'x14' in size.

The Commission issued the following conditions for work:

1. Disturbed areas to be loamed and seeded
2. Installation of silt fence or hay bales prior to demolition.
3. All materials and equipment will be stored outside of the 100-foot buffer zone to Lake Thompson when not in use.

**Motion made by Peter Izyk a Positive Determination with conditions, finding the work is within the buffer zone but will not alter an area subject to the WPA**

**Motion seconded by Robert Ring**

**No further discussion – vote taken: 5-0-0– Motion Carries**

**7:20 PM Administrative Matters: Misstatement by Chair**

The Chair misspoke when stating that the RDAs for both of the projects were for positive determinations. The determinations for both projects, at 104 Beech Street and 7 Smith Street are for **NEGATIVE** determinations.

**Motion made by Peter Izyk to issue NEGATIVE determinations**

**Motion seconded by Robert Ring**

**No further discussion – vote taken: 5-0-0– Motion Carries**

**7:21 PM Administrative Matters: Minute Approval September 9, 2014**

**Motion made by Dennis Cote to accept the minutes from Tuesday, September 9, 2014**

**Motion seconded by Peter Izyk**

**No further discussion – vote taken: 4-0-1 (Robert Ring abstains)**

**7:27 PM Administrative Matters: Palmer Motorsports Park: West Ware Road**

Palmer Motorsports Park is being constructed in Palmer. There have been environmental violations that have caused the involvement of Mass DEP to monitor the project. Mass DEP has issued a consent order to assume the majority of the oversight of this project. Yesterday, October 20, 2014 Palmer Motorsports Park representative applied for an extension with the state to allow more time to update and resubmit the Orders of Conditions and other necessary paperwork

**Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday November 18, 2014 at 7pm

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:30pm

**Motion made by Dennis Cote to adjourn at 7:30pm**

**Motion seconded by Donald Duffy**

**No further discussion – vote taken: 5-0-0– Motion Carries**

Sincerely Submitted,  
Elaine Williamson, Interim Agent