



TOWN OF PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 1st, 2022 – 6:30 PM
LOCATION: Town Hall Meeting Room
4417 Main St Palmer MA

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

Members Absent: Brenda Cole

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

2. **Approval of Minutes**

a. 8/16/22

Motion made by Dave Cotter to approve the minutes 8/16/22.

Motion seconded by Lucas McDiarmid.

Motion Caries 4-0-2 with Dorothy Lawrence and Nick Zeo abstaining.

No further discussion.

3. **Approval of Payables:**

a. MACC- Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commission

Motion made by Dorothy Lawrence approve the payable for \$520 for conference registration.

Motion seconded by Lucas McDiarmid.

Motion Caries 6-0.

No further discussion.

b. MACC- Travel Reimbursement

Motion made by Dorothy Lawrence approve the payable for \$74.88 for conference reimbursement.

Motion seconded by Lucas McDiarmid.

Motion Caries 6-0.

No further discussion.

4. **Violations/Enforcement:**

Palmer Paving: 9/21/22

E. Ruggiano explained that a contractor driving a truck out of the gravel pit location accidentally drifted off road, ending up on its side and subsequently dumping its gravel load into the wetland. It was on the north side of the road. MA DEP was contacted; erosion control was put in place. The agent stated the biggest issue was the difficulty determining the difference in what was dumped and what was put in place for the roadway.

5. New/Old Business:

Forest Lake Boat Launch update: There was a ribbon cutting on October 25th. The Boat launch is complete and is already in use by the public.

Ocean State Job Lot Detention pond: Brief discussion on what is happening there. Everyone is unsure.

6. Chair/Member & Committee Report:

MACC conference debrief: The Agent, Chairman Donald Blais, as well as Nick Zeo and Dave Cotter attended the MACC conference in Deven, MA.

Discussion regarding the workshops ensued. The Chairman discussed the workshop regarding engaging youth in communities.

7. Public Hearing:

Church Street Bridge Demo and Replacement:

Present were Dan Holmes, project manager, Tighe & Bond as well as a staff Environmental Scientist Isobel Arthen- Long.

He went over the existing conditions site plan as well as the demo plan. He stated they will leave existing abutments and piers in place.

He also discussed the gas line running along bridge will be in another project submitted, and the gas line will have to be removed before demolition. It was stated that work will not be conducted in the water.

The bridge will be constructed on the road and with the use of a crane they will cantilever halfway and then set and secured into the new bridge seats.

Erosion controls will be located on all four corners of the bank.

The walkway across the bridge will be maintained.

Dorothy Lawrence had a question regarding stormwater exemption.

Motion to close the public hearing at 7:13 was made by Dorothy Lawrence, seconded by Peter Izyk.

Motion Caries 6-0.

No further discussion.

Motion to issue OOC with approved plans and document for pending DEP # was made by Dorothy Lawrence, seconded by Peter Izyk.

Motion Caries 6-0.

No further discussion.

Motion made by Lucas McDiarmid to adjourn at 7:16 PM

Motion seconded by Dorothy Lawrence.

No further discussion.

Motion Caries 6-0.