



# TOWN OF PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 7<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

Heidi Mannarino, Agent

**Members Present:** Donald Blais (Chair)

Dorothy Lawrence

Lucas McDiarmid

Peter Izyk

**Members Absent:** David Cotter

Nicholas Zeo

Brenda Cole

**Also Present:** Donald Frydryk, Tammi Frydryk, Christina Pike, Patricia Conte, Ed Santini

1. **Call to Order:** 6:30PM Donald Blais (Chair)
2. **Review Correspondence:**
  - a. Forest Cutting Plan 227-40508-24: Peterson Road

The Agent introduces the approved plan post DCR review. Notes that no significant changes/variations were made post comment. Lucas McDiarmid inquires about any specific changes/deviations. A brief discussion ensues. Peter Izyk inquires on path of travel through the area of work. A brief discussion ensues.

No further Discussion.

### 3. **Public Inquiries:**

Christina Pike informs the commission that a debris catch has been installed at Forest Lake. She further gives thanks to the DPW and Mass Central for aiding in debris removal on different parts of the lake.

### 4. **Approval of Minutes:** 8/15/2023

**Call for motion to table by Donald Blais**

**Motion to able by Dorothy Lawrence**

**Motion seconded by Peter Izyk**

**Motion carries 4-0-0**

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**5. Approval of Payables:**

- a. Heidi Mannarino- \$405.00: MACC Conference Registration (x3)

**Call for a motion to approve.**

**Motion by Lucas McDiarmid**

**Motion seconded by Dorothy Lawrence**

**Motion Carries 4-0-0**

- b. Donald Blais Jr.- \$92.60: Mileage Reimbursement for MACC Conference

**Call for a motion to approve.**

**Motion by Dorothy Lawrence**

**Motion seconded by Peter Izyk**

**Motion to carry pending verification 4-0-0**

**6. Signing of Documents (DOA, OOC, COC, Ext, Etc.): --**

**7. Hearings:**

- a. **7:00pm: Notice of Intent—DEP #256-0371 99 Thompson Street (Map/Lot: 14-81-1)**

- Proposed construction of a garage addition with a driveway, and replacement of an existing porch within the 100-foot buffer and 50-foot No-Disturb Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

Donald Frydryk outlines the project at 99 Thompson Street. A brief discussion ensues.

**Call for a motion to close hearing: 7:07PM**

**Motion by Dorothy Lawrence**

**Motion seconded by Lucas McDiarmid**

**Motion carries 4-0-0**

**Call for a motion for approval: 7:08PM**

**Motion by Dorothy Lawrence**

**Motion seconded by Peter Izyk**

**Motion carries 4-0-0**

**8. Violations & Enforcement: --**

**9. New/Old Business:**

- a. Andrew St. George- 2024 Goals and Plans

Andrew St. George previously submitted goals. Heidi Mannarino outlines the goals and plans (land Grant and Open Spaces). A brief discussion ensues.

No further discussion.

- b. Ratification of Emergency Permit- Route 32 Repair

The Agent gives background to Emergency Certification form filed. A brief discussion ensues. The commission moves to vote to ratify.

**Call for motion.**

**Motion by Dorothy Lawrence**

**Seconded by Lucas McDiarmid**

**Motion carries 4-0-0**

- c. Update: 352 Springfield St

The agent gives background to work done within the 200ft buffer. The homeowner was described as very cooperative throughout the process of remediating the area. A brief discussion ensues.

No further discussion.

d. Lake Thompson Post-Treatment Report: DEP #256-0323

Representative from the Lake Thompson Committee/Civic Association gives brief backstory of Lake Thompson. Peter Izyk asks about any problems with waterfowl (Canadian Geese *B. canadensis*). A brief discussion ensues. Peter Izyk comments on report findings and weed removal (hydro-rake). A brief discussion ensues. Representatives from the Lake Thompson Civic Association ask about Order of Conditions and extension requirements and avenues of aiding in associated costs. A brief discussion ensues. The President of the association inquires about stormwater mitigation from outside sources. A brief discussion ensues. Lucas McDiarmid compares similarities to a previously encountered situation in a body of water and makes suggestions of potential outreach. A brief discussion ensues.

No Further Discussion.

**10. Chair, Member, Committee & Agent Reports:**

a. Agent Report

The Agent announces transition to the planning department and the search for a new agent for when the process is finalized. The chair then gives an approximate timeline for when the new Agent should be ready.

Dorothy Lawrence announces her final meeting as a member of the commission.

A brief discussion ensues about inquiries for new prospective commission members.

No further Discussion.

**11. Set Next Meeting Date:** The next Conservation Commission meeting is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, at 6:30 PM in the Town Administration Building Meeting Room located at 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069.

**12. Adjourn**

**Motion to adjourn at 7:23PM**

**Motion by Dorothy Lawrence**

**Motion seconded by Lucas McDiarmid**

**Motion carries 4-0-0**

**The items listed which may be discussed at the meeting are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. This meeting will be televised live on Channel 15 and taped and shown on M-Pact.**

Sincerely Submitted,

Justin Enright

Conservation Agent

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