

Palmer Conservation Commission

MEETING AGENDA

March 21st, 2023

6:30 p.m.

Location: Town Administration Building Meeting Room

4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069

Members: Donald Blais, Jr. (Chair), Dorothy Lawrence (Vice Chair), Peter Izyk, David Cotter, Nicholas Zeo, Brenda Cole, Lucas McDiarmid, Heidi Mannarino (Conservation Agent)

1. Call to Order

2. Chair, Member, Committee & Agent Reports:

3. Review Correspondence:

- a. Amended Forest Cutting Plan- Lauri Cotela Trust 23 Burlingame Road
 - Replaced stream crossing with wetland crossing, added new landing along Baptist Hill St
- b. Utility Notification- National Grid: Insulator replacements at structures 87 and 88 on 303 line located north of Smith Street. No earth work is required in this repair.
 - Exempt by 310 CMR 10.02(2)(a)(2)- “maintain, repair or replace, but not substantially change or enlarge an existing and lawfully located structure or facility...”

4. Public Inquiries:

5. Approval of Minutes: 9/20/2022

6. Approval of Payables:

7. Signing of Documents (DOA, OOC, COC, Ext, Etc.):

8. Hearings:

- a. **6:45 pm – Cont. Notice of Intent (NOI) DEP #256-0362: Church St Bridge Demolition and Replacement:** This applicant filed a Notice of Intent for activities associated with the repair and replacement of the bridge to restore reliable crossing for Palmer residents over the Ware River.
 - Continued from November 1st, 2022 meeting pending receipt of Mass DEP Chapter 91 approval. Chapter 91 regulates projects within waterways and ensures project meets public access requirements.
 - Approval of Chapter 91 license was issued on 12/28/2022.
- b. **7:00 pm – Notice of Intent (NOI) DEP #256-0367: Lot 8 Fuller St (Map 29-67-3):** This applicant filed a Notice of Intent for activities associated with the construction of a single-family home with a driveway, private well, lawn area, and private sanitary sewage disposal system. Work is proposed to occur within the 100’ buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW).
- c. **7:30 pm- Request for Determination of Applicability -- 234 Flynt St (Map 14-80):** The applicant is requesting a determination to see if work associated with the demolition of an addition and a shed is subject to the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Protection Ordinance. Work is proposed to occur within the 100’ buffer to BVW.

9. Violations & Enforcement:

- a. Notice of Violation – Lot 65 Bennett St: Reports of dumping lawn clippings and yard debris into resource area from landscapers on the property. A notice of violation was mailed to the homeowner informing them to cease and desist otherwise enforcement action will be taken.

10. New/Old Business:

- a. Meet with recreation director- Andrew St. George
- b. Earth day townwide clean-up Saturday, 4/22/2023 from 9 AM-12 PM, Lavolette Field.

11. Set Next Meeting Date: The next Conservation Commission meeting is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, April 4th, 2023, at 6:30 PM in the Town Administration Building Meeting Room located at 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069.

12. Adjourn

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.