



# TOWN OF PALMER

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## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY MAY 21, 2013 @ 7:00 PM

**Members Present:** Robert Ring (Chair)  
Donald Duffy  
Matt Trybus  
Dennis Cote  
Angela Panaccione (Agent)

**Members Absent:** Peter Izyk

**Meeting Opens:** 7:05 PM – Robert Ring (Chair)

#### **7:05 PM Administrative Matters: Minute Approval –May 7, 2013**

**Motion made by Dennis Cote to approve the minutes from Tuesday May 7, 2013 as corrected**

**Motion seconded by Matt Trybus**

**No further discussion – vote taken: 4-0-0**

#### **7:05 PM Administrative Matters: Ordinance, Regulations, and Fee's**

The Agent informed the Commission the Ordinance Hearing with Town Council will be at 7 PM on June 10, 2013.

#### **7:10 PM Administrative Matters: Internship**

Ring updated the commission of the intern project. Ring acquired the “No Unauthorized Motorized Vehicle” from the DPW and they’re in the office. Alex will attend the next meeting to update the commission on his progress.

#### **7:15 PM Administrative Matters: Palmer Trail Committee**

Ring stated the Trail committee will be doing trail maintenance and trail clean up in Midura and in Burley Park. They attended office hours and Ring supplied them with maps of the two conservation areas. The Trail Committee will also be holding three hikes in the near future: 1) Midura Conservation Land, 2) Pattaquatic Trail, and 3) along the Swift River by First Street

#### **7:20 PM EO/Violation: 54 French Drive – Zach Cooper**

The Commission conducted a site visit at 9:15 AM on Friday May 17, 2013 to view the area before the initial barrier wall was to be installed. Mr. Cooper marked out the location of the wall

for the Commission. Cooper wished to use the equipment on site to complete the installation, but the commission denied the request. At the visit, the Commission was also concerned with the stock pile of soils at the top of the slope, by the house. Cooper stated he would be using those soils to spread in the area upon completion of the second wall; to be used as loam for grass to grow.

Cooper has since contacted the commission to notify the wall has been installed, and has requested an additional visit to view the installed wall. A site visit is scheduled for 9am Friday May 24, 2013.

**7:30 PM Administrative Matters: Lamothe Update**

Ring informed the Commission the court date scheduled for Friday May 17, 2013 has been postponed again. Lamothe has hired a new attorney and a wetlands specialist and is now appearing to want to work with the commission. The wetlands specialist will delineate the entire property for the commission. Mr. Lamothe, his attorney and the wetlands specialist will attend the next meeting, on June 4, 2013.

**7:35 PM Emergency Certification: USDA Wildlife Services – Breach Beaver Dam**

Erik Shaffer, of USDA Wildlife Services requested an emergency certification to breach a beaver dam and install a water level control device (WLCD). It is a Human Health and Safety issue at hand. Agent Panaccione conducted a site visit on Wednesday May 15, 2013 along the railroad at GPS coordinates N 42 degrees 09.068 and W 072 degrees 22.485 off from silver street back towards town on the tracks. She noted there were two culverts blocked up because of beaver activity. Her determination was that the situation was an emergency and she issued a permit on May 17, 2013; for work to begin on Monday May 21, 2013. The EC was for emergency dam breaching to relieve the water pressure and possible undermining along the tracks.

**Motion made by Don Duffy to ratify the Emergency Certification, issued to USDA Wildlife services on May 17, 2013, for the breaching of a beaver dam and the installation of a water level control device (WLCD)**

**Motion seconded by Matt Tyrbus**

**No further discussion – vote taken: 4-0-0 – Motion Carries**

**7:45 PM Administrative Matters: Northeast Reality Permit Expiring**

Northeast Reality received a permit in August of 2006, for a proposed development on Thorndike Street, DEP # 256-0252. The project was abandoned and no work was completed. The location has delineated Riverfront Area associated with it. The Commission will be sending a letter to the applicants requesting they apply for a certificate of compliance and close the open conditions associated with the site. After seven years or inaction, any new work proposed would require filing for a new permit.

**7:50 PM Administrative Matters: Lake Thompson Association**

Lake Thompson Association is requesting an extension to their initial request of tree removal at the lake. The initial request was valid until April 2013. The trees are posing a health and safety hazard and are in need of removal. There are only a few trees left on site that were not removed

under the current approval. Ring stated he believed the work was to be completed in the winter, initially.

**Motion made by Don Duffy to send a letter, extending the maintenance by 90 days**

**Motion seconded by Matt Trybus**

**No further discussion – vote taken: 3-0-1 (Dennis Cote Abstains) – Motion Carries**

**Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 7 PM

**8:00 PM Meeting Adjourned**

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**Motion made by Don Duffy to adjourn**

**Motion seconded by Matt Trybus**

**No further discussion – vote taken: 4-0-0 – Motion Carries**

Sincerely Submitted

Angela Panaccione, Agent