

**Palmer Conservation Commission
MEETING AGENDA**

May 4, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Residents are asked to call in or use your computer to participate in this meeting

Members: Donald Blais, Jr. (Chair), Dorothy Lawrence (Vice Chair), Peter Izyk, David Cotter, Nicholas Zeo, Brenda Cole, Mike Swiatek, Angela Panaccione (Conservation Agent/Stormwater Coordinator), Sarah Fortune (Conservation Assistant)

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Palmer Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found below. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Town of Palmer website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

The Conservation Commission meeting will be held via a Zoom Meeting (Internet)
Public Participation via calling in or using your computer is encouraged.

To Join the Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/9050389791?pwd=bkhyZUIzZUI5MGxYaFdwWC9VR0Rrdz09>

By Phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 905 038 9791

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(413) 626-7084 or sfortune@townofpalmer.com

1. Call to Order

2. Chair, Member & Committee Reports

3. Review Mail/Phone Messages

- a. NHESP draft Priority Habitat Map – public comment period from 5/3/2021 to 7/3/2021

4. Public Inquiries

5. Approval of Minutes: 3/16/2021, 4/6/2021

6. Approval of Payables

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

8. Schedule of Public Hearings

- a. 7:00 PM Cont. Notice of Intent (NOI) DEP #256-353 – New England Power Company: X176 Transmission Line (ROW): The applicant has submitted a Notice of Intent for activities associated with proposed maintenance and improvements at up to thirty-three (33) structures along the X176 Transmission Line Right-of-Way (ROW). The work is proposed within Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW), Land Under Water (LUW), the 100-foot Buffer Zone to BVW, Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (BLSF), 200-foot Riverfront Area, and the locally protected 50-foot No Disturb Zone to adjacent wetlands. Portions of the proposed project are also located within Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) Priority and Estimated Habitats.

9. Requests for Certificate of Compliance:

10. Project Monitoring:

- a. DEP #256-0342: DFG Forest Lake Demo Pre-Activity Meeting
b. DEP #256-0352: NEPC West Ware Rd Pre-Activity Meeting

11. Violations & Enforcement:

12. New/Old Business:

- a. Conservation Agent/Stormwater Coordinator Resignation: effective May 8, 2021
b. Earth Day Clean-up: Postponed to Saturday May 8, 2021 9am-12pm
c. Community Rain Barrel & Compost Bin Program: Pickup date on Friday June 25, 2021
d. Asset Management Grant: stormwater system mapping ongoing
e. LAND Grant Information Session: May 13, 2021 from 2 to 4 PM
f. MS4 trainings: May 11, 2021 to May 12, 2021 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
g. 2021 OSRP Update: Update on District Local Technical Assistance Funding

13. Set Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 @ 6:30 pm

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.