



TOWN OF PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY JULY 7, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

Members Present: Tharyn Nein-Large (Chair)
Donald Duffy (Vice Chair)
Sarah Brodeur
Angela Panaccione (Agent)

Members Absent: Peter Izyk
Sean O'Donnell

Also Present: Dave Cotter, Palmer Hikers

Meeting Opens: 7:03 PM – Tharyn Nein-Large (Chair)

7:03 PM Administrative Matters: MACC Payable \$385.00

Motion made by Sarah Brodeur to approve the payable to MACC in the amount of \$385.00, for FY 16 Membership dues and 4 E-handbook subscriptions

Motion seconded by Donald Duffy

No further discussion – vote taken: 3-0-0

7:05 PM Administrative Matters: MSMCP Payable \$20.00

Motion made by Donald Duffy to approve the payable to MSMCP in the amount of \$20.00, for FY 16 Membership dues

Motion seconded by Sarah Brodeur

No further discussion – vote taken: 3-0-0

7:11 PM Administrative Matters: Minute Approval – June 16, 2015

Motion made by Donald Duffy to accept the minutes from Tuesday, June 16, 2015 as corrected

Motion seconded by Sarah Brodeur

No further discussion – vote taken: 3-0-0

7:13 PM Administrative Matters: Executive Minute Approval – June 16, 2015

Motion made by Donald Duffy to accept the minutes from Tuesday, June 16, 2015 Executive Session as corrected

Motion seconded by Sarah Brodeur

No further discussion – vote taken: 3-0-0

7:15 PM Administrative Matters: Request for funds to conduct Water Quality Samples at Water St

The Agent has been working with the Chicopee 4 Rivers Watershed Council (C4RWC) on developing a canoe/kayak trail on the Quaboag River. A put in/pull out location has been proposed for the Water Street field. The cost of the bacteria sampling is \$25/sample, so for 4 events \$100, 5 = \$125. The Agent will conduct the sampling every other Thursday at 8:30am at the Water Street field, beginning July 23, 2015.

Motion made by Donald Duffy to spend \$125 from the wetlands account, for 5 water quality samples, at Water Street Field

Motion seconded by Sarah Brodeur

No further discussion – vote taken: 3-0-0

7:18 PM Administrative Matters: Mileage Payable \$154.10

Motion made by Donald Duffy to approve the Mileage payable to Angela Panaccione in the amount of \$154.10, for the Agents site visits for the month of June. \$131.58 will be deducted from the remaining expense account, and \$22.52 will be deducted from the wetlands account

Motion seconded by Sarah Brodeur

No further discussion – vote taken: 3-0-0

7:20 PM Administrative Matters: Reports, Mail, Projects, Violations

1. Member Reports: Donald Duffy – ATV Accident off Rondeau Road: Donald Duffy supplied the Commission with an article from the Journal Register detailing a fatal dirt bike accident that occurred off Rondeau Road Saturday June 27th. The Commission discussed the accident and possible ways to publicize regulations for Conservation Lands in town, specifically that unauthorized vehicle use is not permitted on the discontinued mountain roads. Dave Cotter also requested additional “No motorized Vehicle” signs to put up at several areas, including Burleigh Park and First Street
2. MassDOT Brainerd Parcel: The Agent spoke with Frank Vallarelli, from the MassDOT’s Office of Real Estate and Asset Development about the acquisition of the turnpike parcel.
3. 54 French Drive: The Commission reviewed the “As-Built” site plan for 54 French Drive, entitled “As-Built” plan of Land in Depot Village, Palmer MA prepared for Zachary J. Cooper (Owner) Project # 15127 (Sheet 1 of 1); signed by Roger Woods, dated June 5, 2015. The Commission will lift the enforcement order and waive any outstanding fines once they receive proof of recording from the Hampden County registry of deeds.

Motion made by Sarah Brodeur to accept the site plan entitled; “As-Built” Plan of Land in Depot Village, Palmer MA prepared for Zachary J. Cooper (Owner) Project # 15127 (Sheet 1 of 1); signed by Roger Woods, dated June 5, 2015 and lift the enforcement order and waive any

outstanding fines once the Commission has received proof of recording from the Hampden County registry of deeds.

Motion seconded by Donald Duffy

No further discussion – vote taken: 3-0-0

4. 66 Peterson Road: The Agent and Tharyn Nein-Large will conduct a site visit to determine the extent of site regeneration. They will also address the illegal ATV wetland crossing on site.

7:31 PM Administrative Matters: Discuss Draft 2015 Palmer Wetlands Regulations

The Commission finalized the draft 2015 regulations and fee structure.

Motion made by Sarah Brodeur to accept the draft 2015 Proposed Town of Palmer Wetlands Regulations and Fee Schedule; and schedule a public hearing on the proposed regulations on August 18, 2015 at 7pm

Motion seconded by Donald Duffy

No further discussion – vote taken: 3-0-0

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday July 21, 2015 at 7pm

Meeting Adjourned: 9:15 PM

Motion made by Donald Duffy to adjourn at 9:15 pm

Motion seconded by Sarah Brodeur

No further discussion – vote taken: 3-0-0– Motion Carries

Sincerely Submitted,
Angela C Panaccione, Conservation Agent