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Meeting Held via Zoom  
This meeting was held virtually through Zoom, Zoom ID 857 1279 8281

**Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**Monday, April 12, 2021**

Approved: April 26, 2021

Chair Alan Chaney called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.  
Members present: Juan Amodei, Marijan Andacic, Al Starbird, Kate DeLoureiro, Tiffany Naughton and Leah Basbanes

**Lake Massapoag Rod & Gun – Dam Repair**

Barbara Blanco and Brian Weilbrenner attended the meeting to discuss outstanding issues with the dam repair. Mr. Weilbrenner said that the state does not want woody vegetation with large root systems planted near the dam, as they may cause damage. The Commission scheduled a site visit for Saturday, April 17 at 10am and will advise the club what can be plant in the area.

**Result of Site Visit for 37 Lower Dam Way – Tree Removal - Barbara Blanco**

Alan said that he, Al, Marijan, Leah and Kate attended the site visit. Barbara stated her concern for the safety of her neighbor's children if the tree in question were to blow down. The Commission felt that the tree looked healthy and appeared stable, and if the tree were to fall, it would go along the shoreline. Leah said if they granted permission to remove the tree, others in the area would become unstable; therefore, she would need to remove all the ones in the area. The Commission would then require a significant amount of plantings for stabilization. After the discussion, Marijan made a motion that at this time Ms. Blanco cannot remove the tree, but if she or an arborist see evidence of a change in the tree, she should contact the Conservation Commission immediately. Kate 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed with Juan and Tiffany abstaining from the vote, as they were not at the site visit.

**Result of Site Visit for 12 Massapoag Way – Leva/Winkowski**

Alan, Al, Marijan, Leah and Kate attended the site visit. The owners of the property asked to clear vegetation and trees along the shore. They were told they could prune some of the lower branches of the trees along the shoreline, and remove an old dock and other debris by hand but cannot remove any trees with exception of one dead tree on the abutting property with permission of the landowner.

**Meeting Minutes of March 22**

Leah made a motion to approve, as submitted, the March 22 meeting minutes. Juan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

**Bills and Payroll** - No bills or payroll.



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### **Community Preservation Committee Member**

Tiffany made a motion that Al Starbird remain as the Conservation Commission's representative on the Community Preservation Committee. Leah 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

### **Result of Site Visit to 486 Main Street – Addition – Sargent Household**

Alan, Al, Marijan, Leah and Kate attended the site visit. All proposed work is outside the Conservation Commission's jurisdiction.

### **Schedule Site Visit for 1177 Main Street – Regarding Possible Activity near Wetland**

Alan said that he spoke to the owner of the property who explained that he is clearing the land for livestock. Although many trees were removed, he is under the 25,000 b.f. that triggers a forestry filing. Leah pulled up the map of the area, which showed the wetland (Lovell Pond) on the west side, which is 110 feet away from the property line. There is a wetland on the easterly corner and as long as the property owner stays 100 feet away from that wetland, he is out of the Conservation Commission's jurisdiction.

### **No Trespassing Signs on Pleasant Street Extension.**

The property in question is privately owned. The power company has an easement. Alan said that he would talk to the property owner about their willingness to post signs.

### **Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda**

#### **Lowell Street**

Tiffany brought up the film of bright orange on a wetland across from the supersite on Lowell Street. Leah said that she believes it is algae growing enhanced by water quality issues and poor soils. The Administrative Assistant will contact the Tyngsboro Conservation Commission.

#### **Brook Street**

Juan brought up that there is a property on Brook Street that may have some equipment in the wetland. Alan will review the Order of Conditions for the property and go out to the site to see if this is an issue.

Motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed unanimously to close the meeting at 7:25pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be on Monday, April 26 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann  
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