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**Meeting Date: 23-10-12**

**Meeting Location: Hybrid Teams / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room**

**Minutes Approved: 24-03-28**

**Members Present:** Susan Cahalan, Bob Sweet, Lea Whiting, Peter Coffin

**Members Remote:** Carl Hommel

**Members Absent:**

**Recording:** <https://youtu.be/EmVJ7BbRS94?si=DJVAf2cR8EzJPYBP>

**Others Present:**

**Others Remote:** Jason Kuter, Tom Bik, Mike Penko, Ann Mazur

Quorum met at 7:05 and the recording started. The meeting is called to order by Chairman Carl Hommel and the Conservation Commission members introduce themselves.

**Reviewed Correspondence (postal, voicemail, and email)**

- From Joe Onorato of Water & Wetland, about a partnership with Jones Lake Management. Joe and his team will continue to do the sitework. Jones will take over the office tasks and billing.
- 5 Hartford Ave East - Discussion with Michael Andrade about removing 2 dead Elm trees, and take any action required – Chair Carl sent an email back to Michael regarding the process. Michael will be getting a tree service, and the tree service will contact the Conservation Commission before they do the work.
- Ann Parness saw Anne Mazar's newspaper article about purchasing property on North Ave. She went into the Conservation Commission office and had a discussion with them.

**Public Hearings begin at 7:15pm**

None

**Closed Public Hearings**

**Additional topics of discussion (that are not Public Hearings)**

**90 Park Street** - Kyle Raposso emailed and corresponded with Chair Carl. Kyle is attending the meeting online regarding a detached garage and the permit for 90 Park Street which had an expired OOC in 2020 and forgot to be renewed. Kyle was going through his paperwork and noticed that the OOC was never closed out. The project is completed. Committee member Susan said to email all the information, DEP# and plans to the ConComm email and the COC will be prepared. A site walk will be done to make sure the vegetation is set up and the wetlands are good. It will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Ann Mazar had a question about Meadowbrook Woods, town owned land regarding phragmites growing in the wetlands. She discussed that they should be removed and the best time to remove them is September or October. Discussion occurred on how to get permission and what the process is to remove them. Committee Member Lea

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and Chair Carl will work with Ann and Water and Wetlands on this. A Motion is made by Committee member Peter to authorize the Chair to research the issue of phragmites control and have the authority to start work before the next meeting (act in an emergency capacity). Co-Chair Susan seconds it. Passes Unanimously. Anne will look into the cost. An email chain will be started.

### **Conservation Restriction activity**

Continue discussion with Mike Penko and Tom Bik of Metacomet Land Trust about Conservation Restrictions, and take any action required. The issue of walls being altered and disturbed was discussed regarding 43 Quissett Farm. A site walk with the property owner, Metacomet Land Trust members and Conservation Committee members will be scheduled. Dates were picked and an email will be sent to coordinate with the property owner.

Mike Penko talked about the Gaskill CR, Pond Meadow Estate Property, and the requirement for a CR to be placed on the open space. There was a draft CR in 2020 which was reviewed by the state. Mike made a few updates from the last draft of the 2020 document and sent the document to the Conservation Commission and the State looking for comments. After comments come back it would be sent off to the Division of Conservation Services and there would be a CR review. The Agency is fairly backlogged but gets it in their pipeline. Chair Carl shared the document, talked about updates made to the documents. The Conservation Commission would like to have another meeting with Metacomet in two weeks. The Conservation Committee will go over the document before the next meeting. At the next meeting, if questions and discussions are done, then it will be forwarded to Ann Mazur and Town counsel for further review. Discussed a replacement Land Steward, maybe property owner in the area.

**10 Old Taft Avenue** - Discussion with Gregory Lambert regarding construction of a stone wall and work performed within the protected buffer zone of Lake Nipmuc, and take any action required. The neighbor attended the meeting however the site plan is not done and has not been provided. He wants to make sure he receives a green card for the NOI.

**Lake Nipmuc Task Force** Hear report from Bob Sweet, and take any action required. Bob could not attend because he was in a training.

**Mendon Phase 2 Water Study Review** - two RDAs and responded to request by Town staff to engage a Wetlands Scientist Consultant, to review proposed tree and brush removal plans for the two sites.

### **Building Permits**

- RESO-23-276 61 Taft Ave – solar panels on roof, not jurisdictional
- RESO-23-277 20 Thayer Rd – expand existing deck, not jurisdictional
- RESO-23-280 8 Eight Rod Road – rebuild porch, not jurisdictional

### **Reviewed status of hiring a new admin/agent**

**Review ConComm finances** – no new bills. Check for \$25.00 needs depositing.

**Training budget** Review of completed and upcoming classes. Displayed spread sheet.

Motion to adjourn made by Committee Member Peter seconded by Co-Chair Susan passed unanimously, 07:50pm.