

Conservation Commission Minutes
Meeting –
August 11, 2022

Members Present: Peter Law, Kate Devlin, Sean Libbey

Site Visits:

- A site visit was completed at 198 North Main Street, property of Robert Decker. Site inspection for RDA filed by John Cunningham. Peter Law, Kate Devlin, and Sean Libbey met with landowner and applicant to review project site (knotweed treatment, building removal, excavation, and new house foundation).

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, virtually via Zoom
Minutes of the July 28, 2022 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written with a motion from Sean L. Seconded by Kate D. Vote approved, 3-0-0.

Review Mail: No mail was presented to review.

New Business:

1. RDA for 198 North Main Street Map 140 Lot 16.1 filed by applicant John Cunningham.
 - The applicant spoke regarding potential purchase of property from Mr. Decker for a ranch and adjacent garage/apartment. He would like to know what they could do regarding the knotweed (spraying in September then cut in the Spring and spray again in the Fall) and removing the onsite buildings (11,000 square foot area) to accommodate the new buildings. Restoration of the knotweed area would include planting native vegetation. The final step, excavation of the foundation for the new building would not extend beyond the current building footprint (towards the brook).
 - Pete L. We may need clarity on the distances from the mean annual high water mark (needs to be determined) and the different activities. Setting of an order of conditions would include replanting native species down by the brook. We need a little bit more engineering to determine the extent of the bank and stream zone.
 - John C. mentioned the extent of the knotweed to be treated has been estimated to be 10,000 square feet.
 - Alex H. mentioned we have a 21 day clock to act.
 - Motion made to move the discussion to the August 25th. 2022 meeting by Peter L., seconded by Sean L., Vote approved 3-0-0.
2. The Conservation Commission needs a new clerk. Discussion of co-clerking was had and agreed upon between Sean L. and Kate D. to share the responsibilities over the course of the next year.
 - Motion made to accept co-clerks of Kate D. and Sean L. by Peter L., seconded by Kate D. Vote approved 3-0-0.

Other Business:

- Sean Libbey appointed through June of next year to the Community Preservation Commission as a representative of the Conservation Commission.
- Tom Gruzzkos is our new MassDEP Circuit Rider.
- Request from Cumberland Farms for a Certificate of Completion for work done has been received and Pete L. believes he can accommodate with conditions.

Discussion: No further discussion at this time.

Next Meeting:

The next Conservation Commission meeting will be held August 25, 2022, 7:00 pm.

There being no further business before the Commission a motion was made by Kate Devlin, seconded Sean L., to adjourn at 7:49 pm. Approved 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Libbey, Conservation Commission