

MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
LISBON TOWN HALL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022
7:00 P.M.

a. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Conservation Commission was called to order by Richard Hamel, Chairman, at 7:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Hamel, Joseph Lewerk, Mark Robinson, William McIntosh, Sr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Wayne Berardi, Conservation Officer

Joseph Szerejko, Town Attorney, Murtha Cullina, LLP (by remote means)

Robert Ulrich, LCS Student Ambassador

Motion by M. Robinson second by J. Lewerk to digress from the normal order of business and go to agenda item g.i. VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

b. Reading of minutes of previous meeting(s) and action thereon:

A motion was made by M. Robinson second by J. Lewerk to accept the previous Regular Meeting minutes of 10/18/2022 and the cancellation notice of 11/15/2022 as presented.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

Motion by L. Szruba second by M. Robinson to digress from the normal order of business and take up agenda item g. "Unfinished Business". VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

c. Pending Applications - NONE

d. New Applications - NONE

e. Communications and bills –

1. Copy, Letter to Joseph & Sandy DiRoma dated 10/20/2022 re: Approval of Application 22-05
2. Memo, from First Selectman to all Staff and Board members dated 12/5/2022 re: Holiday Luncheon
3. Copy, 2023 Holiday Schedule / Office Closings
4. Memo, from Stephen Brown, LCS Service-Learning Coordinator re: Student Ambassadors
5. Copy, Letter from Commission to Thomas W. Sparkman, First Selectman dated 10/19/2022 re: recommended reappointments
6. Copy, Letter, from BoS to Rick Hamel dated 10/25/2022 re: Reappointment to term 12/1/2022-11/30/2024
7. Copy, Letter, from BoS to Mark Robinson dated 10/25/2022 re: Reappointment to term 12/1/2022-11/30/2024
8. Copy, Letter, from BoS to William McIntosh, SR dated 10/25/2022 re: Reappointment to term 12/1/2022-11/30/2024
9. Solicitation, CT Land Conservation Council
10. Profit and Loss July 2022 – December 9, 2022 – LI#52030 – Enforcement Officer - \$6634.00; LI#52050 – Supplies & Expenses - \$1800.00
11. Wayne Berardi, \$253.50 dated 10/18/2022 – Motion to ratify by M. Robinson second by W. McIntosh VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED
12. Wayne Berardi, \$253.50 dated 12/5/2022 - Motion to pay by M. Robinson second by W. McIntosh VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

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13. Local IQ (Bulletin), \$158.64 inv #7947628 dated 10/20/2022 re: NoD Application #22-05 - Motion to ratify by M. Robinson second by W. McIntosh VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

f. Reports of officers, Committees and staff

1. Conservation Officer Wayne Berardi reported that he will need permission of the property owner at 164 Kimball Road in order to review the status of previously approved application #20-07, since a permit had already been granted in December 2020.

g. Unfinished Business

1. Pending Litigation

i. Joseph DiRoma, 118 Strawberry Street – Executive Session as Needed – It is noted for the record that Joseph and Sandy DiRoma were present. Joseph Szerejko, of Murtha Cullina, LLP, Town Attorney, was present by remote means. Attorney Szerejko gave a brief history of the action being brought against the DiRomas, noting that in October 2022, a permit was granted to the DiRomas. He also noted that a status conference with the judge is scheduled for March 9, 2023. Mr. DiRoma spoke, stating that the stumps have been removed and waddle was installed and finished today, December 20, 2022. Wayne Berardi, Conservation Officer, noted that he inspected the site on December 19, 2022 at 4:15 PM and that at that time, no E&S Control measures had been installed. He then noted that, due to winter conditions, the area would need to be covered with straw until spring to prevent run-off. He noted that there have been three major storm events since he first spoke with Mr. DiRoma, and that no “best management practices” for E&S Control have been followed at this site. Motion by M. Robinson second by J. Lewerk to go into executive session at 7:14 PM, with Wayne Berardi and Attorney Joseph Szerejko to remain. VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

Out of executive session at 7:31 PM.

Attorney Szerejko left the meeting at 7:31 PM.

At this time, Mr. DiRoma shared images on his phone of the site with the Conservation Officer. It is noted for the record that hard copies of the photos are in the file.

h. Previously Approved Applications – Reviewed back to December 2013

i. New Business

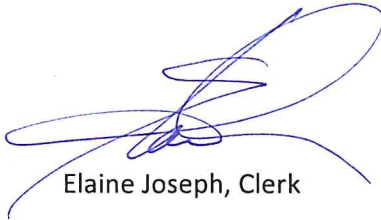
1. FY 2023/2024 Budget – Chairman Hamel reported that he submitted the budget request to the First Selectman, requesting the same amounts as last year (LI#52030 – Enforcement Officer - \$7500.00; LI#52050 – Supplies & Expenses - \$1800.00). It was the consensus of the Commission that the budget request amounts are appropriate.
2. FY 2021/2022 Annual Report Narrative – Mr. Lewerk read the annual report narrative into the record. It was the consensus of the Commission that the FY 2021/2022 Annual Report Narrative should be forwarded to the Board of Finance Chairman as presented.

j. Any other business which may properly come before the Commission – NONE

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k. Adjournment – Motion by J. Lewerk second by M. Robinson to adjourn at 7:54 PM

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED



Elaine Joseph, Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Richard Hamel, Chairman

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