

MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
LISBON TOWN HALL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023
7:00 P.M.

a. Call to Order

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Arpin

OTHERS PRESENT: Wayne Berardi, Conservation Officer
Joseph Szerejko, Town Attorney (remote means)

- b. Pending Litigation - Joseph DiRoma, 118 Strawberry Street – Executive Session as Needed – It is noted for the record that Attorney Joseph Szerejko of Murtha Cullina, Town Attorney, was present by remote means. Atty. Szerejko gave a brief report on the matter, stating that the matter has been concluded in a beneficial way to both the Town and to the DiRomas. An agreement has been reached which resulted in the violations being remediated in a manner that is satisfactory to Conservation Officer Wayne Berardi. The Town is in receipt of reimbursement for legal fees as they pertained to this action. He noted that the action against the DiRomas was withdrawn as of June 29, 2023, with no negative developments since that time. Mr. Berardi concurred that he is satisfied with the remediation efforts. Atty. Szerejko left the meeting at the conclusion of his report.
- c. 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 May 16, 2023 and the cancellation notices of 6/20/2023 and 7/18/2023 as presented.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED
- d. Sunfox Campground – 15 Kenyon Road – Notice of Intent to Harvest Timber – It was the consensus of the Commission that this proposed Timber Harvest as outlined in the notice by Hull Forest Products, Inc., would have no impact on wetland areas.

Motion by J. Lewerk second by M. Robinson to digress from the order of the agenda and go to agenda item h. "Application – David & Donna Blanchette, 95 Town House Road".

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

e. Communications and bills –

1. Memo, from Clerk to the Boards dated June 27, 2023 re: Annual Records Disposition. Motion to approve the annual disposition of the following records: Bills, Paid (Copies) from July 2019 through June 2020 and Budget Balances from July 2020 through October 2020 by M. Robinson second by J. Lewerk.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS; MOTION CARRIED
2. Referral, from Wentworth Civil Engineers, LLC dated 8/8/2023 re: Inland Wetlands Application, 115 River Road, Preston, CT. It was the consensus of the Commission that there is no inter-municipal Impact.
3. Inland/Wetland Notification from DEEP dated 7/24/2023 re: treatment of ponds at 60 Kinsman Hill Road on 8/4/2023
4. Memo, request for submissions, Lisbon Quarterly Newsletter

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5. CT Landscape Architecture Spring 2023
6. Profit and Loss July 2022 – May 2023 – LI#52030 – Enforcement Officer - \$5717.50; LI#52050 – Supplies & Expenses - \$1162.20
Profit and Loss July 2023 – August 2023 – LI#52030 – Enforcement Officer - \$7500.00; LI#52050 – Supplies & Expenses - \$1800.00
- f. Reports of officers, Committees and staff – Mr. Berardi reported that he walked the proposed trail on Town Property on route 169, stating that there are extensive wetland areas but no steep slopes. He does not anticipate trails to be a major impact to the wetlands. Mr. Lewerk, the Trail Committee Chairman, stated that the Committee plans to install bog bridges and will add woodchips in some areas, noting these trails are to be restricted to passive use only.
- g. Previously Approved Applications – Reviewed back to August 2015
- h. Application – David & Donna Blanchette, 95 Town House Road – It is noted for the record that the applicants, David & Donna Blanchette, and their builder, Marc Mellady, were present. Motion by M. Robinson second by J. Lewerk to accept application #23-03 and schedule a field walk.


VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

Field Walk scheduled for Saturday, August 26, 2023 at 8:00 AM.

It is noted for the record that a \$260.00 application fee was collected from the applicant.

- i. Adjournment – Motion by M. Robinson second by J. Lewerk to adjourn at 7:28 PM.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED



Elaine Joseph, Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Richard Hamel, Chairman

RECEIVED FOR RECORD AT LISBON, CT
ON 8/16/23 AT 10:35am
ATTEST. MICHELLE GRANT, TOWN CLERK
