



Community & Economic Development Division
Conservation/Zoning Board of Appeals

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**Conservation Commission Minutes – October 24th, 2024
at 5:30 PM via Zoom**

Disclosure: Pursuant to Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain Covid-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, this meeting of the Conservation Commission for the Town of Bridgewater will be hybrid and accessible to the public through remote participation to the greatest extent possible. There will be no public attendance permitted.

Citizens who wish to tune in to the meeting may do so via Zoom.

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To Attend Via Phone Dial: +1 646 876 9923

Meeting ID: 837 2467 2348

Attendees:

Present: Wendy Smith, Chair, Marilyn MacDonald, Vice-Chair, Eileen Prisco, Member, Mark Peterson, Member, Harry Bailey, Member, Bob Rulli, Director of Community & Economic Development, Katelyn Putt, Conservation Agent

Chair Smith reads the Governors Order and shares how the meetings proceed.

Public Hearings

Old Business

Notice of Intent– 0 Lakeshore Center —Map 83 Lot 85

Applicant/Representative: Claremont Lakeshore Bridgewater LLC. / Silva Engineering Associates, P.C.

DEP file #: SE116-1525

Chairperson Smith shares the order in which she will hold this public hearing item. She proceeds to acknowledge the outpour in public comment and that they do review it all. They will limit the time each person is allotted to speak to ensure everyone gets an opportunity to speak.

Vice-Chair MacDonald speaks about the goals, rules, regulation and performance standards the Commission abides by as they review and make any decision.

Mark Manganello, LEC the peer reviewer, discusses information beginning from June. Some of the key topics he spoke about were: BVW boundary, presence of perennial stream and riverfront, no vernal pools, site is within the Hockomock Swamp, permitting history for this property and its relevance, NPC's filed with MEPA, Environmental Impact reports filed with MEPA, stormwater strategies, water quality monitoring, drought conditions and more. For full details on is review, please refer to the posted recording on the Town of Bridgewater's Youtube page.

Mrs. Baptista speaks about some of the recommended changes from different reports and where they adjusted for such on the plans. She notes that the grading did not require any change as she revised the plans. Mr. Tansey, Town Engineer, spoke about the recently submitted plans and his comparison to those he last viewed for the Planning Board review.



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Commission Members: (for full detail of comments provided please refer to the posted recording on the Town of Bridgewater's Youtube page)

Member Peterson asks a question about the number of gallons of water being withdrawn per day and how this affects some of the determinations.

Vice-Chair MacDonald asked a few clarifying questions to Mr. Manganello.

Att. Ed Brennan, on behalf of applicant, notes that they did agree to work with DEP to create a water monitoring plan.

Public Comment: (for full detail of comments provided please refer to the posted recording on the Town of Bridgewater's Youtube page)

Melissa Ramondetta, 317 Lakeside Drive – asks for more time to review new information, information in a submitted letter, perennial stream, buffer, river front area, tree removal, MEPA, Open space committee comments.

Janet Hansen, 665 Pleasant St – perennial stream, buffer zone, asks to keep hearing open to review new information.

Jean DiBatista, 260 Lakeside Dr- new materials need time for review, low lake levels, floods.

Joe Callihan, Berkley – President of Taunton River Watershed, they have water quality and stream, they are not in support.

Bernice Morrissey, 150 Lakeside Dr – streams, culverts, natural heritage and endangered species, flood maps, asks for more time to review new materials.

Members were in agreement with continuing the item so that the public has more time to review materials.

Motion to continue to the November 14th meeting made by Member MacDonald, Seconded by Member Prisco

Roll call:
Member MacDonald: YES
Member Prisco: YES
Member Peterson: ABSTAIN
Member Smith: YES
Member Bailey: YES

New Business

None

Administrative Items

Lakeshore – Cease and Desist

Member MacDonald reiterates that the Order of Conditions and the Vegetated Management Plan have not been followed, and to stay in a cease and desist at this time.

Member Peterson also comments on the Vegetated Management Plan.

Discussion ensued on proper protocol to get updated conditions on the filing, new or old.

Minutes

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Member MacDonald, seconded by Member Prisco.