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# Town of Duxbury Conservation Commission

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## Minutes of November 8, 2022

The Duxbury Conservation Commission met in the Town Hall Mural Room on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Robb D'Ambruoso, Chair; Scott Zoltowski, Vice-Chair; Sam Butcher, Tom Gill, Holly Morris, Mickey McGonagle; and Corey Wisneski.

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Nancy Rufo, Conservation Administrator and Pat Loring, volunteer

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Robb D'Ambruoso at 7:00 p.m.

### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

#### Minutes for Approval:

Regular Session Minutes: 10/25/2022

Sam Butcher made a motion, seconded by Holly Morris, to approve the Regular Session minutes of 10/25/2022. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

**Joe Grady working as a contractor:** Former Conservation Administrator, Joe Grady is currently working as an independent contractor on call to the Conservation Department. He works 8 to 10 hours per week, as needed. After three months, his position will be reviewed.

#### Certificate of Compliance:

SE18-1973 Buckley/Stenbeck & Taylor; 55 Ocean Road North; demo and rebuild single family home.

Nancy Rufo reported Joe Grady inspected the property, found it meets the Conservation Commission's Rules and Regulations and he recommends issuing a Certificate of Compliance.

Scott Zoltowski made a motion, seconded by Sam Butcher, to issue a Certificate of Compliance for SE18-1973. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

**Staffing Update:** Nancy Rufo reported the process of hiring a Conservation Assistant is underway. Four candidates are currently being phone screened. In person interviews will occur next. The hiring team needs a representative from both the Conservation Commission and the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). Scott Zoltowski and/or Tom Gill will represent the Commission and Holly Morris will represent the CPC.

### CONTINUED PUBLIC MEETING; O'CONNOR/SOUTH SHORE SURVEYCONSULTANTS; 44 ELDER BREWSTER RD.; POOL, POOL DECKING, POOL HOUSE SE18-2019

Applicant has requested a Public Hearing continuance until January 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Corey Wisneski made a motion, seconded by Sam Butcher, to continue the Public Hearing for SE18-2019 until January 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

#### Project Updates: Climate Resiliency Task Force.

Nancy Rufo noted the town is forming a Climate Resiliency Task Force and is requesting a Conservation Commission representative to serve on the Task Force. Mickey McGonagle volunteered to serve.



Scott Zoltowski made a motion, seconded by Sam Butcher, to support Mickey McGonagle as the Conservation Commission representative to the Climate Resiliency Task Force. Motion passed 6-0 with 1 abstention (McGonagle)

**CONTINUED PUBLIC MEETING; GRANT MARSTON; 20 LAKE SHORE DRIVE; TREE REMOVAL**

Nancy Rufo reported she and Joe Grady marked fifteen (15) trees to be removed at 20 Lake Shore Drive. Robb D'Ambruoso noted the project is now scaled back to Grant Marston's original Request for Determination. Grant Marston was present and agreed the project is now consistent with his original Request for Determination. Stumps are to be left undisturbed in order to prevent erosion to the adjacent pond.

Sam Butcher made a motion, seconded by Mickey McGonagle, to close the Public Meeting and issue a Negative Determination, that a Notice of Intent is not required for the 40 Lake Shore Drive tree removal project. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING; MONAHAN/GRADY CONSULTING; 614 CHANDLER STREET; RETAINING WALL**

**SE18-2020**

Robb D'Ambruoso read the 614 Chandler Street Public Hearing Legal Notice. Homeowner, Abraham Monahan, presented his project. His 30-year-old pool decking is collapsing because the existing retaining wall needs to be extended and the slope below the pool needs to be stabilized. Joe Grady visited the site and stated the project meets the Commission's Rules and Regulations and he recommends issuing an Order of Conditions.

Tom Gill made a motion, seconded by Scott Zoltowski, to close the Public Hearing and issue an Order of Conditions for SE18-2020. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

**Project Updates:**

**Delorenzo Farm:** Recently, when Sam Butcher was at the Delorenzo property a hunter arrived. The property's farmer recently removed a tree stand and camera and left them on the ground. Sam Butcher spoke with the person about no hunting on the Delorenzo property. The hunter took the tree stand and camera away. This is the second camera removed from this property. The Massachusetts hunting season has started. Discussion followed on whether conservation properties should be posted for No Hunting. Hunting Rules and Regulations are on the Town website, but it was agreed hunters may not look at the website. In the past, hunters were required to receive a permit from the Conservation Office and Commissioners discussed if that process should be reinstated. Scott Zoltowski volunteered to look into the matter.

**Budget Review:** Nancy Rufo is presenting the Conservation Department's 2023 Budget to the Finance Committee on November 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Mickey McGonagle will also attend on behalf of the Conservation Commission.

**Conservation Commission Officers:** Chair, Robb D'Ambruoso led a discussion on whether Commissioners would like to change the Chair and Vice-Chair. Everyone agreed the current officers are doing a great job and the need for occasional substitutes seems to be easily managed. It was agreed Robb D'Ambruoso will remain as Chair and Scott Zoltowski will remain as Vice-Chair.

**Tree Policy:** Holly Morris distributed by email Tree Policies from the towns of Weston and Bedford. Scott Zoltowski said that Weston requires an arborist to determine if a tree needs removal, thereby taking the responsibility away from town employees and volunteers. Duxbury has a vista pruning policy. The topic will be placed on a future agenda.

**Future Meetings:** Currently, there are no items on the next agenda. Nancy Rufo will determine if the November 22, 2023 is necessary. She distributed a 2023 meeting schedule

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**New Business:** Mickey McGonagle asked about naming a conservation parcel for Joe Grady. Discussion followed with no decision at this time.

**Adjournment:**

At 7:53 p.m. Mickey McGonagle made a motion, seconded by Sam Butcher, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

**The next Conservation Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Mural Room.**