

# **Rochester Conservation Commission**

## **Minutes**

**September 5, 2023**

**Present:** Christopher Gerrior, Chairman  
Matthew Bache  
Mike Gifford  
Carl MacDermott  
William Milka  
Drew McManus

**Absent:** Bendrix Bailey, Vice Chairman

Merilee Kelly, Conservation Agent  
Dawn DeMaggio, Board Administrator  
Danielle Craig, Recording Secretary

The meeting convened via Zoom video conference ID # 82280612895. Chairman Gerrior called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting started with everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He took attendance of members, staff, applicants and representatives and stated the meeting was being broadcasted on Zoom and was being recorded.

### **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**SE 272- 0619 A Request for an Amended Order of Conditions, filed by Mike Norton and Erin Paine, 60 Clapp Road, Rochester, MA 02770, for a property located at 60 Clapp Road, Map 30, Lot 3A.** Applicants want to build a shed and pool house and store a dog kennel and trampoline in the riverfront area.

Agent Kelly stated the applicants want to put in a pool house, outdoor kitchen, shed, doghouse, and trampoline. Property owner passed around an updated site plan. They are asking to "square off" the back of their property. Agent Kelly stated the additions to the property are a long distance from the stream located behind their property. Member Gifford asked for clarification on the distance in the requested clearing area from the buffer zones. Property owners referenced their site plan and stated that they were requesting a 100 x 100 ft area beyond the boulders that mark the 200ft buffer zone to riverfront area to be semi cleared for a shed and dog kennel. Member McManus asked how they would draw down the water from their new pool and requested that drainage of pool water would not be put towards the wetlands.

Member Bache made a motion to approve an amended Order of Conditions.

Member Milka seconded the motion.

**The motion was passed by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. (5-0-1)**

### **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**Review:** Addendum to Application

Members all gave their feedback on the addendum and agreed with it. This addendum will be sent to Town Counsel for review.

Member Bache made a motion to approve the Addendum to Application.

Member MacDermott seconded the motion.

**The motion was passed by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. (5-0-1)**

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Member Bache made a motion to approve the minutes.

Member Gifford seconded the motion.

**The motion was passed by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. (5-0-1)**

**OLD BUSINESS**

532 Snipatuit Road-Enforcement Order

*(Member Bache recused himself from the meeting)*

Agent Kelly read out loud a letter she received from the property owner. The owners are working to clean up the property. They have placed silt fencing and hay bales along the perimeter. Agent Kelly stated the property owner seems to be moving in a positive direction with the cleanup of the property. Conservation Members collectively signed the Enforcement Order.

*(Member Bache resumed his role in the meeting)*

89 Box Turtle Drive

Agent Kelly stated she received an updated plan with the requested additional trees. There is currently no plan to plant anything yet.

Conservation Restriction: Red Brick Farm East

Agent Kelly stated she received an update from Elizabeth Lydon from Town Counsel. She read out loud her official response on the matter, which is that the land involved in the Conservation Restriction cannot be divided.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife -- review of BioMap

This was continued until the next meeting due to the representative being unable to attend this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting will be held on September 19, 2023.

Member Gifford made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29pm.

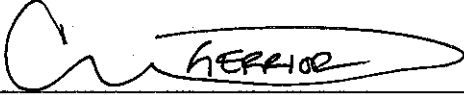
Member MacDermott seconded the motion.

**The motion was passed by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. (5-0-1)**


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Christopher Gerrior, Chairman

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Danielle Craig, Recording Secretary