

Wrentham Conservation Commission
Minutes of February 08, 2024
VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

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Chair Leo Immonen, Vice Chair Julie Garland, Members: Maria Jomides, Delana Reardon, Seth Jensen, Janet Sozio, Agent Darryl Luce and Land Use Specialist Heather Ledbetter were present. Dianne Demarais was absent. The Chair opened the meeting at 7:05 pm and announced that the meeting would be recorded.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, MEETINGS and APPOINTMENTS

7:15 pm SE 351-1203 – Notice of Intent – Lake Archer from Mike Glass, Lake Archer Association Corp. for the proposed invasive aquatic plant management in Lake Archer.

Mike Glass said this application was a resubmittal of an application submitted 5 years ago. Diver assisted weed harvesting and diver hand-picking without suction harvesting are being utilized. The benthic blankets/barriers will not be used.

Mr. Immonen asked about the project timeline and the progress on educational efforts. Mr. Glass said the Association had conducted DEP seminars, created flyers and held educational seminars at their annual meeting to inform members about invasive weeds.

Mr. Immonen asked about the Rt. 140 storm drains and MA DOT. Mr. Glass said that the Town was granted \$250,000 for stormwater management from the State which will allow the installation of mini outfall/leeching pit storm drain systems. This solution should capture 60-70% of particular matter contaminants from entering the lake during heavy rain events.

Mr. Immonen asked for information on this stormwater system to be sent to the Commission. The Wrentham Community Preservation Committee requested regular meetings of the 3 Lake groups in Town. The first meeting happened in January and ideas were shared and collaborations planned and they anticipate meeting 3 times per year moving forward.

A motion to continue the hearing to 2/22/24 at 7:30 pm was made by Ms. Sozio, was seconded, and passed 6-0-0.

A roll call was used for each vote in the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Minutes: January 25, 2024 - A motion was made by Ms. Garland to approve the minutes as amended was seconded, and passed unanimously 6-0-0.

Agent's Report –

The Agent said he visited 709 Wrentham Rd. Bellingham / West St. Wrentham. The property owner does not own the road but will try to repair it. The Agent has also been consulting with the Bellingham, MA Conservation Agent.

613 West St. – The Wrentham CC Agent, board of health inspector, building inspector, animal care officer and police met on site. The Agent told the owner's son that an enforcement order was forthcoming due to violations noted to the owner previously (2/28/23) and not remedied. The Agent set a date of March 18, 2024 as a deadline for filing of a NOI with the Commission using a professional engineer and developing a farm plan. The Commission then voted to have the Agent issue an enforcement order which would require the owner to restore buffer zone to natural conditions.

A motion was made by Ms. Sozio to issue an enforcement order to 613 West St. as described by the Agent, was seconded, and passed unanimously 6-0-0.

A motion was made by Ms. Reardon to adjourn at 7:37 pm, was seconded, and passed unanimously 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Ledbetter, Land Use Specialist.

Next meeting: February 22, 2024