

Salem Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting

Date and Time: Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
 Meeting Location: zoom or call-in
 Members Present: Chair Gregory St. Louis (arriving late), Tyler Glode, Scott Sheehan, Vice Chair Bart Hoskins, Dan Ricciarelli, Malissa Vieira, Tom Campbell (7)
 Members Absent:
 Others Present: Brittany Dolan, Conservation Agent
 Recorder: Stacy Kilb

Vice Chair Bart Hoskins calls the meeting to order at 6:35PM.

All public hearings will be continued to a special meeting on Sept. 29, 2020 at 6:30PM. This is due to the zoom call in function being temporarily disabled for updates (this is a nationwide issue/outage), so public comments cannot be taken, and Commission members cannot vote on these matters. All Applicants have requested continuances so no presentations will be made tonight. A request for minor modification and Community Preservation Plan input will be discussed as they are not public hearing matters. .

A motion to schedule a special meeting for Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 6:30PM, is made by Scott Sheehan, seconded by Tom Campbell, and the motion passes 6-0 in a roll call vote.

Tom Campbell Yes
 Tyler Glode Yes
 Bart Hoskins Yes
 Dan Ricciarelli Yes
 Scott Sheehan Yes
 Malissa Vieira Yes

I. ROLL CALL

II. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Lead Mills Conservation Area – Public Hearing – Request for Determination of Applicability for Don Morgan, Marblehead Conservancy, Marblehead, MA. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the proposed tree removal at the Lead Mills Conservation Area within an area subject to the Wetlands Protection Act MGL c131§40 and Salem’s Wetlands Protection & Conservation Ordinance.

A motion to continue to the Tuesday, Sept. 29 meeting is made by Dan Ricciarelli, seconded by Scott Sheehan, and the motion passes 6-0 in a roll call vote.

Tom Campbell Yes
 Tyler Glode Yes
 Bart Hoskins Yes
 Dan Ricciarelli Yes
 Scott Sheehan Yes
 Malissa Vieira Yes

B. 61 Memorial Drive – Public Hearing – Request for Determination of Applicability for Theresa Kennedy, 61 Memorial Dr, Salem, MA. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the proposed reconstruction of an existing deck

and addition of a floating walkway and floating dock within an area subject to the Wetlands Protection Act MGL c131§40 and Salem's Wetlands Protection & Conservation Ordinance.

Scott Sheehan wonders if the Application is complete, as it only mentions removing and rebuilding the existing deck, with no mention of the addition of the walkway and dock as noted on the Agenda. Brittany Dolan will look into this.

A motion to continue to the Tuesday, Sept. 29 meeting is made by Dan Ricciarelli, seconded by Scott Sheehan, and the motion passes 6-0 in a roll call vote.

Tom Campbell	Yes
Tyler Glode	Yes
Bart Hoskins	Yes
Dan Ricciarelli	Yes
Scott Sheehan	Yes
Malissa Vieira	Yes

C. 1 Crosby St – DEP #64-xxx – Public Hearing – Notice of Intent for Kelly and Michael Fernandes, 10 Irving St, Salem, MA. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the proposed site improvements including ledge removal, a riprap embankment, a retaining wall, and other associated landscape improvements at 1 Crosby St within an area subject to the Wetlands Protection Act MGL c131§40 and Salem's Wetlands Protection & Conservation Ordinance.

A motion to continue to the Tuesday, Sept. 29 meeting is made by Dan Ricciarelli, seconded by Scott Sheehan, and the motion passes 6-0 in a roll call vote.

Tom Campbell	Yes
Tyler Glode	Yes
Bart Hoskins	Yes
Dan Ricciarelli	Yes
Scott Sheehan	Yes
Malissa Vieira	Yes

D. Overlook Acres - DEP #64-702 – Continuation of a Public Hearing – Notice of Intent for Peter Lutts, Overlook Acres, LLC, 5 Biscoe St, Beverly, MA. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the proposed 290-unit, multi-family apartment complex consisting of four apartment buildings, a clubhouse, and a commercial/retail use building located at 383, 379, and 387 Highland Ave, 4, 10, 14, and 16 Barnes Rd, and 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, and 18 Cedar Rd within an area subject to the Wetlands Protection Act MGL c131§40 and Salem's Wetlands Protection & Conservation Ordinance.

Dan Ricciarelli recuses himself from this item.

A motion to continue to the Tuesday, Sept. 29 meeting is made by Tyler Glode, seconded by Tom Campbell, and the motion passes 5-0 in a roll call vote.

Tom Campbell	Yes
Tyler Glode	Yes
Bart Hoskins	Yes
Dan Ricciarelli	Recused
Scott Sheehan	Yes
Malissa Vieira	Yes

E. 0 Story St Subdivision Lots A, B, & C and construction of roadway (DEP #'s TBD)

Continuation of Public Hearing – Notice of Intent for Stephen Lovely, Castle Hill Group LLC, 14 Story St, Salem, MA. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the construction of a roadway with utilities and an onsite stormwater

management system with grading at 0 Story St an area subject to the Wetlands Protection Act MGL c.131§40 and Salem Wetlands Protection & Conservation Ordinance.

Continuation of Public Hearing – Notice of Intent for Stephen Lovely, Castle Hill Group LLC, 14 Story St, Salem, MA. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the construction of a single family dwelling located at 0 Story St, Lot A (Map 23, Parcel 2) within an area subject to the Wetlands Protection Act MGL c.131§40 and Salem Wetlands Protection & Conservation Ordinance.

Continuation of Public Hearing – Notice of Intent for Stephen Lovely, Castle Hill Group LLC, 14 Story St, Salem, MA. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the construction of a single family dwelling located at 0 Story St, Lot B (Map 23, Parcel 2) within an area subject to the Wetlands Protection Act MGL c.131§40 and Salem Wetlands Protection & Conservation Ordinance.

Continuation of Public Hearing – Notice of Intent for Stephen Lovely, Castle Hill Group LLC, 14 Story St, Salem, MA. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the construction of a single family dwelling located at 0 Story St, Lot C (Map 23, Parcel 2) within an area subject to the Wetlands Protection Act MGL c.131§40 and Salem Wetlands Protection & Conservation Ordinance.

Note: All items under item F will be continued.

A motion to continue all items under (F) to the Tuesday, Sept. 29 meeting is made by Scott Sheehan, seconded by Dan Ricciarelli, and the motion passes 6-0 in a roll call vote.

Tom Campbell	Yes
Tyler Glode	Yes
Bart Hoskins	Yes
Dan Ricciarelli	Yes
Scott Sheehan	Yes
Malissa Vieira	Yes

III. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. 38 Bay View Ave – DEP #64-696 – Request for a minor modification

Susan St. Pierre notes that the original involved a mooring design, however in discussion with a neighbor doing a similar project, the Applicant learned that this neighbor got a pile head design approved. Due to lower construction costs and greater efficiency, the Applicant would like to change from a mooring held to a pile held float. Both neighbors will use the same contractor, at the same times, so the time needed to complete both projects is reduced from what it would have been. This was on an NOI so all conditions will remain in place.

A motion to approve the minor modification is made by Dan Ricciarelli, seconded by Tyler Glode and the motion passes 6-0 in a roll call vote.

Tom Campbell	Yes
Tyler Glode	Yes
Bart Hoskins	Yes
Dan Ricciarelli	Yes
Scott Sheehan	Yes
Malissa Vieira	Yes

B. FY21 Community Preservation Plan - Request for Comment/Input

Bart Hoskins notes the criteria for projects and that currently there are many proposals for projects, and some cannot be funded, the opposite of the first couple of years. CPP guides the Committee members on how to

prioritize projects and allot funds based on wish lists for the City, for example, “What are all the needs for Winter Island Park, incorporated into a Plan so that it can be weighed having already been IDd as a priority?” The Commission is being asked to review the existing Plan for any changes/omissions to be rectified. Parks and Rec and Historic Preservation people are also invited to comment.

In other new business, Brittany Dolan mentions that there was a large debris pile of trees and vegetation in the Forest River Conservation Area that was set on fire. This was brought to her attention after it happened, and while the Fire Dept. was notified, the fire was out at that point. Malissa Vieira noted a gentleman on top of Eagle Hill who had a campfire; Tyler Glode says all of Salem woods is a giant campfire area. How to deal with the problem is discussed. Brittany Dolan shows a photo of the log/brush fire. The area was cleared and the debris was burned. A man was clearing limbs out of the way and adding tinder. The area was already cleared due to foot traffic; it is the highest point in the area. If within FRCA boundaries, the Commission’s property, Commissioners could ask the man to explain himself. Tyler Glode comments that it is a police matter; Bart Hoskins notes it is illegal to have an open fire in Salem and all Commissioners agree that the Police Dept. should be notified and they will notify the Fire Department.

People may still be there. The location of the fire is described and Malissa Vieira notes she will be there tomorrow and can report back. Tom Campbell asks from a camping standpoint, has anyone ever requested to camp in the woods in Salem? This has not come up before.

Greg St. Louis has joined the meeting as of 7:09PM. He suggests allowing funding for a game camera to monitor who is using the trail/vagrants. Tom Campbell notes there is music playing in the area. Police also have a network of cameras that may be able to be used. Brittany Dolan will look into it.

Follow up and contacting the Police and Fire Departments is further discussed. It is not advisable for the Agent or Commissioners to confront those conducting illegal activities. Scott Sheehan notes a comment on the Salem Woods Facebook group page: “A guy has been clearing that area for a long time,” so someone may want to follow up on that. This should not be allowed. It’s Forest River but the comment is on the Salem Woods FB page. Greg St. Louis notes that trespassing and starting fires is illegal.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. August 18, 2020

A motion to approve the minutes, with minor corrections, is made by Greg St. Louis, seconded by Tom Campbell, and the motion passes 7-0 in a roll call vote.

Tom Campbell	Yes
Tyler Glode	Yes
Bart Hoskins	Yes
Dan Ricciarelli	Yes
Scott Sheehan	Yes
Malissa Vieira	Yes
Greg St. Louis	Yes

V. ADJOURNMENT

Scott Sheehan comments that, at the previous meeting, a member of the public had wondered if the City Solicitor should be consulted. He had had to step out of the meeting for a moment and the member of the public wondered if they still had a quorum. This is resolved with him having listened to the recording/signed the affidavit.

A motion to adjourn is made by Dan Ricciarelli, seconded by Scott Sheehan, and the motion passes 7-0 in a roll call vote.

Tom Campbell	Yes
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Tyler Glode	Yes
Bart Hoskins	Yes
Dan Ricciarelli	Yes
Scott Sheehan	Yes
Malissa Vieira	Yes
Greg St. Louis	Yes

The meeting ends at 7:20PM.