

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025
RESOURCE ROOM

Attendance: Vice chair Jim Foran, Brendan Doyle, Kate Thompson, Mike Greco, Brandon Faneuf Conservation Agent

Absent: Chair Mark Mungeam, Josiah Burch (both excused)

Jim Foran called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1. (0:40 TS) Discussion for 218 Northwest Main Street – Update
The applicant is not present so this will be tabled for the next meeting.
2. (1:35 TS) Discussion for 279 Southeast Main St Plan Change – Possible votes
John Grenier and Chris Bettencourt on behalf of New Sherborn Farms, Mr. Grenier went over the plan changes. Mr. Faneuf showed the prior plans, and the newer plans submitted and explained that in the more recently submitted plan, the limit of work has expanded, and he does not usually approve minor field changes and feels it is something that needs to come to the Commission.
(21:05 TS) Motion to approve 279 Southeast Main St as a minor field change, made by Brendan Doyle, 2nd by Kate Thompson. Rollcall vote – Brendan Doyle, Kate Thompson, Mike Greco, and Jim Foran all in favor.
3. (25:50 TS) 6:30 PM (RDA) Public Meeting: Request for Determination of Applicability, Clarissa Jeffery, 182 Southwest Main St, (Path/Shed Pad) Map 226 Lot 13 – Possible votes
(25:05 TS) Motion to waive the reading of the public notice made by Kate Thompson, 2nd by Brendan Doyle. Rollcall vote – Brendan Doyle, Kate Thompson, Mike Greco, and Jim Foran all in favor.
Justin Boyce on behalf of the applicant stated that the proposed plan is to install approximately a 30-foot crushed stone walkway with separation fabric underneath and doing approximately, a 25 x 25 foot crushed stone pad along with constructing a 120 square foot shed. Mr. Faneuf showed photos of the site, and they discussed having the wetlands marked out because Mr. Faneuf is questioning the shed being 50 feet away from the Wetland edge.
(32:20 TS) Motion to continue the meeting to June 2, 2025,
****** They did not make an official motion to continue; there was no second and no rollcall vote.**
4. (33:15 TS) 6:30 PM (RDA) Public Meeting: Request for Determination of Applicability, Blue Pool Inc, 69 Woodland Rd, (In ground pool) Map 237 Lot 22 – Possible votes
(33:35 TS) Motion to waive the reading of the public notice made by Kate Thompson, 2nd by Brendan Doyle. Rollcall vote – Brendan Doyle, Kate Thompson, Mike Greco, and Jim Foran all in favor.
Brandon Faneuf stated that this house was approved and a certificate of compliance was issued for the house construction. Lucas Sanchez is the co-owner of Blue Pool Inc. and stated that the proposed pool will be approximately 60 – 70 feet away from the wetlands buffer zone. Mr. Faneuf stated that they meet all the bylaw setback requirements but to have conditions of where the pump out water will go and suggested doing a dry well for that purpose.
(44:45 TS) Motion to approve a negative determination with the condition for the dry well, made by Kate Thompson, 2nd by Mike Greco. Rollcall vote – Brendan Doyle, Kate Thompson, Mike Greco, and Jim Foran all in favor.

5. (48:10 TS) Lakeshore Drive Enforcement Order

Bob Moran 56 Lakeshore Drive asked if there has been any update from DEP and there has not been any update. Mr. Faneuf spoke with attorney Wood, and they feel that the DEP is not going to respond or make a decision unless another catastrophic water event occurs like before and there was a suggestion to file RDA to then force the Conservation Commission's hand to make decision and then they can appeal to the DEP and that will force the DEP to make a decision. Mr. Moran expressed his concerns about this and the cost that will be on him to take these steps and that he is the only resident in the area doing work and putting money into trying to resolve the issue, and they discussed what the next steps for this issue might be.

6. (1:08:45 TS) Mail – Unilateral Administrative Order – 206 West Street, Keegan Van Sicklen & Victoria Ruocco.

Mr. Faneuf updated the commission that the DEP did not like the decision made by the commission, so the DEP recalled the application, did their own site inspection, issued a positive determination, and stated that a notice of intent needed to be filed. The respondent did work on the property without filing any notices, and now within 60 days of the May 5th date of the letter from DEP the respondent must submit to Mass DEP a report prepared by a qualified wetland scientist evaluating and quantifying the extent of resource area impacts on the property. There is nothing for the commission to do at this point.

7. (1:15:30 TS) Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP #143-0762), Bryan Burnett, 71 Yew Street, Map 214 Lot 15 – Possible votes

This a certificate of compliance for an addition done in 2010 but the letter from the engineer stated that it was for the construction of a title v septic repair/upgrade. Mr. Faneuf pulled up the plan and had done a site visit already, and after looking at the plan he recommends issuing a certificate of compliance.

(1:23:05 TS) Motion to issue a certificate of compliance for DEP #14300762 for 71 Yew Street, made by Brendan Doyle, 2nd by Mike Greco. Rollcall vote – Brendan Doyle, Kate Thompson, Mike Greco, and Jim Foran all in favor.

8. (1:24:30 TS) Meeting Minutes: February 3, 2025, March 3, 2025 & March 17, 2025 – Possible votes

(1:26:00 TS) Motion to accept the meeting minutes of February 3, 2025, as amended, made by Brendan Doyle, 2nd by Mike Greco. Rollcall vote – Brendan Doyle, Kate Thompson, Mike Greco, and Jim Foran all in favor.

(1:31:05 TS) Motion to accept the meeting minutes of March 3, 2025, as written, made by Brendan Doyle, 2nd by Kate Thompson. Rollcall vote – Brendan Doyle, Kate Thompson, Mike Greco, and Jim Foran all in favor.

(1:33:25 TS) Motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 17, 2025, as written, made by Kate Thompson, 2nd by Brendan Doyle. Rollcall vote – Brendan Doyle, Kate Thompson, Mike Greco, and Jim Foran all in favor.

(1:34:00 TS) Motion to adjourn the meeting, made by Brendan Doyle, 2nd by Kate Thompson. Rollcall vote – Brendan Doyle, Kate Thompson, Mike Greco, and Jim Foran all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephenie Gosselin