

Town of Westwood
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date:
Wednesday, April 27, 2022
Remote Meeting**

7:00 p.m. - Call to Order

The Westwood Conservation Commission meeting of Wednesday April 27, 2022, at 7:00 PM. is being held through Zoom due to the COVID-19 state of emergency and in compliance with the Governor's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law MGL C. 30A, §18 and the Governor's March 23 Emergency Order imposing limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place.

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The following members are present: John Rogers, chairperson, Debra Odeh, Stephen David, and Grace Weller. Members Todd Weston, Todd Sullivan and Vesna Maneva are absent. Conservation Agent, Karon Skinner Catrone is also present.

Mr. Rogers announces this meeting is being recorded.

Approval of Minutes: Consideration of Minutes for Meeting of January 12, 2022, January 26, 2022, February 16, 2022, March 9, 2022, March 23, 2022 and April 13, 2022.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Weller, to approve the minutes of April 13, 2022. Unanimous.

Action Items:

1. 7 Little Boot Lane – DEP #338-0635 – Request for Certificate of Compliance – Champion

Ms. Catrone states this Action Item was continued from the last meeting to allow the applicant to make revisions to the as-built plan. Ms. Catrone informs the commission that she received a revised plan today but there is no representative present.

After viewing the plan, the Commission agrees the infiltration system is not shown clearly on the plan.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to continue this Action Item to the April 27, 2022 meeting at 7:00 pm. Unanimous.

Public Hearings:

200 Nahatan Street – Request for Determination – Town of Westwood

Replace practice field

Ms. Catrone states the abutters have not been notified. This hearing must be continued to the May 11, 2022 meeting to allow proper abutter notification.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Weller, to continue this hearing to the May 11, 2022 Meeting at 7:00 pm. Unanimous.

6 Willett Pond Drive – Request for Determination – Ritzenberg

Replace deck

Ms. Catrone states she has not received a revise plan as requested by the Commission at the March 9, 2022 meeting which required a more definitive plan. The applicant has requested a continuance to May 11, 2022.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Weller, to continue this hearing to the May 11, 2022

Meeting at 7:00 pm. Unanimous.

Discussion Items:

1. Potential Tree policy/ordinance/bylaw
<https://www.mass.gov/doc/tree-by-law-and-ordinance-guide/download>
Mr. Rogers states he had hoped to finish revising the tree policy. He asks Ms. Catrone to ask town counsel which language would be preferred; policy or guideline. He suggests the members take a look at the Newton Conservation Commission website.
2. Assure Select Board's awareness of above items, clarify oversight of the Town's existing conservation lands and discuss potential Conservation Land Management Plan
<https://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/home/showpublisheddocument/7288/637012120637130000>
3. Commissioners' observations around town and next scheduled site visits
4. Update on significant projects and other topics not reasonably anticipated
5. Actively make buyers, property owners and realtors aware of WPA, wetland ordinance and stormwater ordinance

Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Ms. Odeh, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous.

Upcoming Meeting: May 11, 2022 REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Note: Agenda items and order subject to change