

Conservation Commission
Minutes of Open Meeting – September 3, 2013

Present: Rick Burnet, Tim Dempsey, Ami Dion, Linda Leddy, Jeff Smith
Absent: John Mathias

Meeting opened 7:50 p.m.

The present members of the Conservation Commission reviewed and accepted minutes of meetings from July 16, 2013, July 23, 2013, August 6, 2013 and August 20, 2013. Mr. Burnet made a motion to accept each set of minutes as amended and Ms. Leddy seconded. The Commission unanimously accepted all the minutes with the exception of Mr. Dempsey who did not attend the July 16 meeting.

The Conservation Commission discussed the Conservation Restriction with Wildlands Trust for the Churchill Park property. Mr. Burnet made a motion to approve the proposed Conservation Restriction as drafted by the Open Space Committee based on Wildlands Trust models with the proviso that updated parcel information will be included and that the Purposes listed in Section 2(d) shall read: "Included but not limited to walking, hiking and nature study." Ms. Dion seconded. Vote in the affirmative is unanimous.

Mr. Burnet discussed the plans for the boardwalk in Churchill Park. He accompanied Brad Holmes, a professional wildlands scientist to flag the boardwalk in preparation for an NOI submission. Joe Webby will be meeting with Rick tomorrow.

Mr. Burnet made a motion for the Conservation Commission to support an effort to pursue the acquisition and development of 63 Parsonage Road for multiple uses including but not limited to recreation, agriculture, historic preservation and conservation. Ms. Leddy seconded. Vote in the affirmative is unanimous.

Mr. Burnet made a motion that the Conservation Commission deny the project NOI based on several factors including incomplete submission of the drawings and non-compliance with performance standards. The drawings were stamped to certify only the septic system. There is a discrepancy between the title block stating NOI and septic and the disclaimer removing any use of the plan except for the septic. Please reference 10.05(6)(c) and 10.05(4)(h) of the Wetlands Protection Act. The applicant does not meet the performance standards under the "Interests of the Act"; specifically flood control, storm damage prevention and prevention of pollution. In reference to the Plympton Town By-Law, Article 28, Section 6, Paragraph 2 and Section 11, the additional approximately 800 square feet intrusion on the buffer zone of the proposed 5-bedroom dwelling and the lack of any storm water drainage from the roof and paved parking area are further reasons for denial. Mr. Dempsey seconded. Vote unanimous in the affirmative to deny.

A motion was made by Mr. Dempsey to close the meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Leddy. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Recorded by Ami S. Dion.