

Town of Weston  
Conservation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
June 20, 2024 7:30 p.m.

*Conducted remotely via Internet and Telephone*

**MINUTES**

Chairwoman Sarah Schlechter called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. Present were, Abigail Squance, and Kirby Brendsel. Also present were Dr. Tom Failla, Conservation Planner and Felippo Scandizzo, Recording Secretary.

**Discussion/Decisions**

**106 Godfrey Lachat Town Farm – Ruling Request IWWR Sect. 4.2a Nonregulated Use Vegetation Conservation - Remove Invasives Replace with Noninvasive Native.**

Lisa Brodlie, Invasive removal Specialist, CIPWG member and Nature Conservancy volunteer, presented the plan for removing invasives and replacing them with noninvasive natives. The plan is to hand cut and uproot invasive (predominantly Japanese barberry) and plant natural noninvasive. Ecological restoration of this site will have a net benefit for the wetland and surrounding uplands and are consistent with the conservation purposes established for this property.

Commissioner Brendsel made a MOTION to APPROVE the Plan for 106 Godfrey Lachat Town Farm – Ruling Request IWWR Sect. 4.2a Nonregulated Use Vegetation Conservation - Remove Invasives Replace with Noninvasive Native. Chairwoman Schlechter SECONDED; The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**48 Kettle Creek, site development, Kelley Towne Bldg & Dev. [CC-24-11-COM]**

Tom Kelley, Towne Building and Development LLC, presented the proposed plan to construct a new dwelling, pool, driveway, patio, deck, covered porch, walkways and steps. The material to be removed for storm water system, septic, dwelling and pool (outside of upland review area). The material to be added consists of topsoil in the area southwest of the pool (inside of upland review area). Commissioner Squance shared concerns with the cut and fill to level pool and the earth work being done. (Two-foot change in elevation.) Mr. Kelley stated that no outside soil will be brought in and will have soil left over from the house and pool dig.

Chairwoman Schlechter made a MOTION to APPROVE the Plan for 48 Kettle Creek, site development, Kelley Towne Bldg & Dev. [CC-24-11-COM]. Commissioner Squance SECONDED; The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**8 Jana, renovations, restore URA and wetland edge, Hofer [CC-24-12-COM]**

Dean Martin, Grumman Engineering LLC, presented plans for a single-family residence with a driveway and a septic system. The area is wooded with clearing around the residence. Soil will be excavated for the proposed additions and topsoil will be installed to seed lawn and stabilize the disturbed area. The work sequence is to 1<sup>st</sup> install topsoil and seed lawn in the area outside of

the construction envelope, 2<sup>nd</sup> Construct additions, 3<sup>rd</sup> Final grading and site stabilization with lawn, 4<sup>th</sup> Install wetland buffer mitigation plantings. The proposed residential additions are associated with the existing residence and far from the wetlands.

Aleksandra Moch, Soil Scientist & Landscape designer, shared the Wetland Buffer Restoration Planting Plan with the Commissioners. The Planting schedule includes Red maple, River birch Serviceberry, Red osier dogwood, Inkberry and Sweet pepperbush.

Commissioner Squance made a MOTION to APPROVE the Plan for 8 Jana, renovations, restore URA and wetland edge, Hofer [CC-24-12-COM], with condition that a 10-foot buffer be added along the wetland line and planting plan to be complete by the end of calendar year. Chairwoman Schlechter SECONDED; The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Approval of Minutes:**

May 16, 2024; Walk Notes: June 1, 2024

Commissioner Brendsel made a MOTION to APPROVE the Regular Meeting minutes for May 16, 2024, Commissioner Squance SECONDED; Chairwoman Schlechter ABSTAINED. The MOTION CARRIED 2/0/1.

Chairwoman Schlechter made a MOTION to APPROVE Walk Notes from June 1, 2024. Commissioner Squance SECONDED; The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9:15PM Chairwoman Schlechter made a MOTION to ADJOURN the meeting. Commissioner Brendsel SECONDED; The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Felippo Scandizzo

Recording Secretary