



**TOWN OF GROTON  
Conservation Commission**

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**Groton Conservation Commission  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 25, 2018**

Present: John Smigelski, Peter Morrison, Olin Lathrop, Laurence Hurley, Marshall Giguere, Bruce Easom (arrived at 8:10 p.m.)

Absent: Eileen McHugh

Others present: Nikolis Gualco, Conservation Agent, Town of Groton

Where: Town Hall, First Floor Meeting Room

**1. APPOINTMENTS AND HEARINGS\***

- 1.1. 6:30 p.m. – Public Hearing: NOI, 102 Weymissett Road, for the construction of an addition to the existing single-family home, MassDEP# (not yet received).  
Representative: Dan Memont, Design Dynamics

D. Memont began the hearing by presenting a revised set of plans for the proposed home addition. The new plans identify the trees that would need to be removed. The home addition is to be built on sono tube foundation.

P. Morrison asked what was the plan for underneath the sono tube addition, to which D. Memont replied crushed stone. Morrison continued by asking if there were plans for French drains to capture roof runoff. D. Memont referenced page ‘S4,’ which showed the plans to install these drains.

L. Hurley asked where the 50-foot buffer zone was on the site, to which D. Memont replied that the entire site was within the 50- and 100-foot buffer zones.

M. Giguere asked about the location of staging areas. D. Memont pointed out that the property includes a detached garage on an adjacent parcel that is beyond the buffer zone. All staging of materials will utilize this area.

O. Lathrop referenced the Bylaw (Chapter 215-7), which prohibits activity and building permanent structures within the 100-foot buffer zone and no alteration of any kind within 50 feet of any wetland. A discussion ensued on how the project may or may not benefit the environment. Questions centered on what means and methods the applicant may apply to ‘offset’ the construction. Finally, N. Gualco notified the Commission that a DEP file number had not yet been issued and the meeting would need to be continued.

Upon a motion by P. Morrison, seconded by M. Giguere, it was:

VOTED: to continue the public hearing for 102 Weymisset Road until October 9<sup>th</sup> to allow time for MassDEP to issue a case number and offer comment. **The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

The Commission then moved to General Business, item 2.3.1 Trash dumping reported on Hemlock Grove (102-56) ...” Linda Sheahan of 48 Fox Run presented a grievance about dumping on conservation land at the intersection of Fox Run and Pepperell Road. A discussion ensued about means of addressing the problem. The following items were suggested: 1) send a letter to abutters notifying them of the issue and the Commission’s policy of use of conservation lands; 2) Publish rules and regulations for use of conservation land in Groton Herald; 3) Install a sign indicating ‘no dumping’; 4) install a game camera. N. Gualco stated that he would coordinate with Tom Delaney (DPW).

The Commission then moved to General Business, Land Management, Item 2.1.1 Shattuck Homestead, discussed the plans to mow the field in the fall (after November 1).

The Commission then moved to General Business, Land Management, Item 2.1.2 Eliades Conservation Area. J. Smigelski and O. Lathrop discussed plans to coordinate efforts to mow the field off Pacer Way this fall now that the mowing restriction date has passed.

The Commission then moved to General Business, Land Management, Item 2.1.4 Surrenden Farm West and J. Smigelski signed a Forest Products Sale Contract with King Timber Harvesting out of Hubbardston, MA.

The Commission then moved to General Business, Land Management, Item 2.1.6 Other Land Management Business and O. Lathrop shared his intent to apply for a Urban & Community Forestry Grant for treatment of ash trees at Petapawag Canoe Launch.

Upon a motion by M. Giguere, seconded by P. Morrison, it was:

VOTED: to permit O. Lathrop to apply to the Urban & Community Forestry Grant on behalf of the Conservation Commission. **The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

The Commission then moved to General Business, 2.6 Order of Conditions – Squannacook Rail Trail.

Upon a motion by P. Morrison, seconded by M. Giguere, it was:

VOTED: to issue an Order of Conditions under the Wetlands Protection Act as drafted for the Squannacook Rail Trail, MassDEP# 169-1180. **The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

Upon a motion by P. Morrison, seconded by M. Giguere, it was:

VOTE: to issues an Order of Conditions under the Wetlands Protection Bylaw as drafted for the Squannacook Rail Trail, MassDEP# 169-1180. **The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

The Commission then moved to General Business, Item 2.7 Certificate of Compliance, 2.7.1 93 Indian Hill Road, MassDEP# 169-1099.

The work on this project never started.

Upon a motion by P. Morrison, seconded by L. Hurley, it was:  
VOTED to issue a Certificate of Compliance for MassDEP #169-1099, 93 Indian Hill Road. **The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

The Commission then moved to General Business, Item 2.7 Certificate of Compliance, 2.7.2 276 West Main Street, MassDEP# 169-0987.

The original Certificate of Compliance was never recorded by the former owner.

Upon a motion by P. Morrison, seconded by L. Hurley, it was:  
VOTED: to issues a duplicate Certificate of Compliance for MassDEP #169-0987, 276 West Main Street

The Commission then moved to General Business, Item 2.8.1 Approve Meeting Minutes by September 11, 2018.

Upon a motion by M. Giguere, seconded by L. Hurley, it was:  
VOTED: to accept the minutes for September 11, 2018 as drafted. **The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

*8:10 p.m. B. Easom entered the meeting*

Upon a motion by P. Morrison, seconded by M. Giguere, it was VOTED to move to executive session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real estate not to return to the open meeting at 8:15 p.m. The motion passed by roll call vote (Yes: B. Easom, M. Giguere, L. Hurley, P. Morrison, J. Smigelski, O. Lathrop).

Respectively submitted,  
Nikolis Gualco

**Approved: October 23, 2018**