



THE TOWN of MERRIMAC  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
4 School St., Merrimac  
MASSACHUSETTS 01860

## **Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 27, 2018**

Members present: Robert Prokop (chair), Jon Pearson (acting chair), Janet Terry, Dennis Hogan, Arthur Yarranton, Greg Hochmuth and Jerome Mathieu. Conservation Agent Jay Smith was present.

**Cont. Public Hearing --- Notice of Intent --- John Cormier, BC Realty Trust for 64 School St. ---** Applicant would like to add another apartment unit to his subdivision located in the buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland.

John Paulson (Atlantic Engineering) was present and represented the applicant. Revised plans were submitted containing what was requested from the previous meeting, plantings and signs. He proposed deer resistant Arborvitae and signs for the no-disturb zone. After a discussion G. Hochmuth made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions with the Commission's Standard and Special Conditions including having drainage structures installed before issuance of a COC. J. Pearson seconded the motion with a unanimous vote of approval 7-0.

**Public Hearing --- Notice of Intent --- Robert Desmarais, City of Amesbury, DEP ---** For an alum treatment to reduce the availability of free-reactive phosphorus to improve water quality at Lake Attitash.

B. Prokop recuses himself. J. Pearson assumes the chair.

The project has a DEP number with no comments. Robert Desmaris and Matt Ladewig were in attendance to discuss the alum treatment. They went over how the treatment works, how it is applied and the time frame. Comments from the Commission and the public included monitoring, banning of boats and pets during the treatment, etc. G. Hochmuth made a motion to approve the treatment with the Standard Conditions and Special Conditions. A draft of the Special conditions would be circulated for review which would include notice of starting date, who would be the

environmental monitor and their function, how the public would be notified and some kind of ban or request not to use the lake during a set time during and after treatment. The motion was seconded by J. Pearson with a 6-0 vote of approval. B. Prokop did not participate in the hearing as a Commission member.

**Discussion:** Kathleen and Charles Minella, 10 Pine Bluff Ave. --- Letter about need to have dock permit before being installed this year.

The Commission directed the agent to send out a letter informing the Minellas that they needed to have a dock permit for installing the dock this year and that the RDA still needed to be finalized.

**Discussion:** Michael Armao for volunteer service.

No show. The Commission came up with some ideas for service if the agent talks to him in the future.

**Discussion:** B. Prokop --- Removal of debris from shoreline at Lake Attitash.

Removed from consideration at this time.

**Discussion:** Jerome's invoice for MACC

The Commission signed off on the invoice for attending the MACC conference.

**Discussion:** Minutes

The minutes were reviewed by the Commission and J. Pearson made a motion to approve them with minor modifications. G. Hochmuth seconded the motion with a 6-0 vote of approval. B. Prokop abstained.

The next C.C meeting is May 22, 2018, 7:30pm., at the Public Library.