

**Plainville Conservation Commission
Minutes of April 11, 2023**

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A meeting of the Plainville Conservation Commission was held at the Plainville Town Hall on 04/11/2023. The meeting opened at: 6:00pm. The meeting was recorded.

Commission members present:

George Benz, Lorna Bosworth, Bob Davis, Dawn Denizkurt, Lou Droste, Bob Moores

Commission members absent/late:

Jack Shepardson

Staff: Chris Yarworth

Meeting status: Continued Public Hearing
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Project: 31 Hawkins Street – Town of Plainville – NOI.
DEP #: 265-0426

Applicant/Rep Present: None

Information submitted:

- Letter dated 03/30/2023 from Brian Noble requesting a withdrawal of the application.

Discussion: A letter was received from Brian Noble, the Town Administrator, requesting a withdrawal of the application. He was aware of the Commission's concerns regarding the lot and did not wish to proceed if there was conflict over the submission. He will explore the option of auctioning the lot without full permitting being completed.

Motion by Ms. Denizkurt and seconded by Mr. Droste to accept the request from the Applicant to withdraw the application. Passed: 6-0-0.

Status: Withdrawn by Applicant.

General Business:

65 Fales Road – Erin Byrne

An Enforcement Order has been issued for the work done without a permit, as voted on at the previous meeting. The Order had been sent out with the Chairman's signature and needs to be fully ratified.

Motion by Ms. Denizkurt and seconded by Mr. Droste to sign the Enforcement Order for 65 Fales Road. Passed: 6-0-0.

National Grid – Request for Extension – DEP SE 265-0399

A letter dated 03/31/2023 was received from Erin Whoriskey Cahill from National Grid requesting that the deadline for pole work permitted under DEP SE 265-0399 be extended for three years.

Motion by Ms. Denizkurt and seconded by Mr. Droste to extend the deadline for DEP SE 265-0399 to 05/13/2026. Passed: 6-0-0.

39 Mirimichi Street – Dave Rabinovitz

Mr. Rabinovitz updated the Commission on the site cleanup next to his house. Dead trees and invasive vegetation have been removed. He has replaced damaged boards in the two dams. The water level is back up in the pond. He still needs to remove some additional wood and weeds that have already been cut. Mr. Benz volunteered to assist with the work.

Pertaining to additional work requests, the Commission responded as follows:

Request	Commission response
Install post and rail fence along Mirimichi Street to prevent vehicular access	No
Remove dead tree from water	No
Cut dead tree overhanging water and leave 2-3' stump	Yes
Remove branches/shrubs overhanging water	No

Pictures were provided by Mr. Rabinovitz of the requested areas of work.

27 Cross Street – CRG – Metacomet Greenway

Preliminary design plans for the portion of the Metacomet Greenway between Cross Street and Green Street have been received from Beals Associates. They were sent to Mass Trails for review, and work is ongoing.

The Commission set the next site walk of conservation lands for 3:00pm on 04/29/2023. We will hike the trail next to the PAL fields on Everett Skinner Road. Parking will be at the Beagle Club. An extension to the new trail off Red Rock Lane may also be included.

Revised Conservation Commission regulations

DEP has issued new regulations and guidelines for wetland boundary delineation and replication. The Commission agreed to utilize this new information in their new regulations that are still in progress. Areas of local jurisdiction that extend beyond those of the state will remain in place.

Motion by Ms. Denizkurt and seconded by Mr. Droste to approve the minutes for the 03/28/2023 meeting. Passed: 6-0-0.

Mr. Moores reminded the Commission that Earth Day was September 22, and that “Keep Plainville Beautiful” was in effect for all of April.

Motion by Ms. Denizkurt and seconded by Mr. Droste to adjourn at 7:00pm. Passed: 6-0-0.

Submitted by:

Christopher Yarworth
Conservation Agent