

Approved as amended on 2019-1-30

**Plainfield Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting Held January 10, 2019**

Meeting was held in Town Hall.

Commissioners present: Erik Burcroff, John Burns, Jack Nelson, Alice Schertle,
Judy Williams (chair)

Also present:

Christopher E. Roos, President and CEO, 27 Broom Street LLC

Josh Wilson, Consultant, Fuss & O'Neill

Aimee Bell, Civil Engineer, Fuss & O'Neill

John Swanson, property owner, River Road

Margo E. Welch, attorney representing Mr. Swanson

Fred Benoit, associate of Mr. Swanson

Call to Order, Judy Williams, 7:02 P.M.

Public Meeting to Review a Request for Determination of Applicability Submitted by Christopher Roos

The RDA was submitted to determine whether the boundaries of resource areas for 27 Broom Street are accurately depicted. The proposed project on the property is the construction of a cannabis cultivation facility including a building and greenhouse, stormwater management system, septic system, parking and walkway areas and a 3-acre outdoor grow area. The project area consists of 4.9 acres. The report identifies the resource area on the property as Bordering Vegetated Wetland with an associated 100-foot Buffer Zone.

Prior to the meeting Commissioners reviewed copies of the RDA, site plans, maps, the Inland Resource Area Delineation Report, and the Stormwater Management Memorandum. All five Commissioners, accompanied by Chris Roos and Josh Wilson, made a site visit to the project area on 1-7-19. Chris described the growing process, which will be done organically, with no use of chemicals.

Those representing the Broom Street project agreed to include on the RDA (WPA Form 1) the following requested Determinations: 1.a. whether the area depicted on the plans or maps referenced is subject to jurisdiction of the WPA and 1.b. whether the boundaries of resource areas depicted on plans or maps are accurately delineated.

The Conservation Commission issued a Positive Determination under 2a: the boundary delineations of resource areas on the plans are accurate, and a Negative Determination under 1: the area described in the Request is not subject to protection under the Act.

All five members of the Conservation Commission signed the Determination.

Chris Roos, Aimee Bell and Josh Wilson left the meeting at 7:12 P.M.

Request for a Certificate of Compliance for an Order of Conditions for Property on River Road Owned by John Swanson

The property referenced is on Mill Brook, a perennial stream. The OOC, for a building on the property, was recorded in 2005. Jack and John made a site visit to the property today, 1-10-19. They saw no significant disturbance around the cabin or by the stream. There was no significant cutting observed or damage to the bank.

A Certificate of Compliance was issued, dated 1-10-19, and signed by all five members of the Conservation Commission.

Any work done by a present or future owner would require appropriate application and permitting at that time.

John Swanson, Margot Welch and Fred Benoit left the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

Minutes of 11-28-18 were read and amended to add Jack to the site visit to the Guyette property. John moved, Erik seconded that the minutes be approved as amended. Unanimous.

Other Business

Commissioners discussed the extensive annual report compiled and sent out by Judy, including language suggested by John to clarify scheduling of meetings.

Judy reported that it is time for the annual budget to be submitted. ConCom is requesting \$600.

Commissioners discussed the need for town bylaws to aid in protection of Plainfield's natural resources.

Judy reported on Energy Committee efforts to find optimal places for solar panels in Plainfield, such as the roof of the pavilion behind the library. Grants are available.

Judy read a letter regarding the Eversource Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) an annual report which describes the application of herbicides along their lines.

Judy read a FEMA letter stating discovery meetings regarding the Deerfield River Watershed will be held in Wilmington VT on Jan. 22 and in Ashfield, MA on Jan. 23.

Erik reported that a presentation by Bob Leverett and Bill Moomaw, titled Lost Forests of New England, will be held at the Hitchcock Center, Hampshire College, Jan. 23.

Erik reported that The Wendell State Forest Alliance will hold a rally against cutting planned in Wendell State Forest. The rally will take place at the ranger station in Wendell on Jan. 12.

Jack reported on an article in American Scientist describing virologist Anna Marie Skalka's study of retroviral sequences in the human genome and viral genes in other species.

Jack brought a book he recommends on lichens.

Next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in Town Hall. This will be a continuation of the **Open Hearing on an ANRAD for a solar facility at 66 North Union.**

Adjourned, 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Schertle