

GEORGETOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Memorial Town Hall * One Library Street * Georgetown, MA 01833

MEETING MINUTES – October 19, 2023

Conservation Commissions Present: C. Shreder, C. Candia, R. Chane, T. Howland, L. Umberger,
Staff Present, J. Lopes, Conservation Consultant part time Agent.

Absent: I. Wye

START of the MEETING:

At 7:03 pm, the meeting started with Mr. Shreder reading Governor Maura Healy's supplemental budget bill allowing for remote meetings.

Minutes

1. No meeting minutes present for approval

Order of Conditions

2. **121 Lakeshore Road** – (DEP #161-0677)

This project was approved back in 2007 but was never recorded properly. It was for a septic system and there are no outstanding issues with this project. R. Bancroft made a motion to approve the CoC at 121 Lakeshore Road; seconded by C. Candia. R. Bancroft; C. Candia; R. Chane; C. Shreder all approve – motion approved.

Notice of Intent

3. **196 West Main Street** - (DEP #161-0938; GCC 2023-14)

Replace a former deck with a new footprint deck. Michael Desmond, homeowner presenting the project. The Conservation Commission visited this site with a site walk. Some alternative designs were discussed with the homeowner; however, he wishes to stay with the original project. The applicant has already done tons of native plantings at the site on what is a very steep slope. There were no public comments. R. Chane made a motion to approve 196 West Main Street to include the following: 1. Not accepting the wetland delineation; 2. Applicant to use straw waddles near the top of the steep slope; 3. Installation of a duck box and 4. No trees to be cut down. Motion seconded by Rachel. R. Bancroft, C. Candia; R. Chane, T. Howland; L. Umberger and C. Shreder approve the motion – motion approved. R. Bancroft makes a motion to close 196 West. Main Street; seconded by T. Howland – all approve motion to close.

4. **4 Richardson Lane** - (DEP #161-0922; GCC #2022-08)

Request for a minor modification allowing for the expansion of an existing deck and addition of a covered porch. Stephen Sawyer, engineer representing the project. J. Lopez noted that there is substantial erosion control already in place due to a prior approved project. S. Sawyer mentioned that the homeowners went over and above with new infiltration systems that were required in already approved project. For this project an additional infiltration system will be installed. R. Bancroft made a

motion to accept 4 Richardson Lane as a minor modification to already approved plan – seconded by T. Howland. R. Bancroft; C. Candia; T. Howland; L. Umberger; C. Shreder approve the motion; R. Chane abstain – motion approved. John Lopez asked the engineer to include the updates in an updated stamped plan using today’s date – and use same plan when asking for CoC. Engineer will get updated plan to Conservation Commission office.

5. **47 West Street** (DEP #161-0889; State NOI) – This project is scheduled to appear before the ZBA on 11/7 – the project engineer would like to present back to the Conservation Commission after the ZBA hearing. R. Bancroft made a motion to continue 47 West Street to Nov 16, 2023 at 7:05 pm – seconded by T. Howland. R. Bancroft; C. Candia; R. Chane; T. Howland; L. Umberger; C. Shreder all vote in favor to continue 47 West Street – motion approved.

Discussion

In other business we were presented with the latest update and finance costs for the renovation of the nature center at Camp Denison into a Manager’s housing. Jim Lacey informed the Conservation Commission that they will submit a project before the CPC asking for the funds for the new septic system anticipated to be between \$35k - \$40k. The balance of funds to renovate the interior of the structure anticipated to be around \$30k - \$45k will be taken from the Camp Denison revolving account. The Conservation Commission are the overseers of Camp Denison and this project needs Commission approval to move forward. R. Chane made a motion to support the septic system and housing upgrade for Camp Denison – second by R. Bancroft. R. Bancroft; C. Candia; R. Chane; T. Howland; L. Umberger all approve – C. Shreder abstain – motion approved.

J. Lopez mentioned that there were some invoices/bills to be paid – the board informed him that we had previously approved R. Bancroft to sign all invoices and bills – John Lopez will get with Rachel with the latest bills

Notification to Abutters – 200 West Main Street; this item was not discussed by the Commission

Public Hearing notice – ZBA – 188 Andover Street; this item was not discussed by the Commission

Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting

6. Rachel Bancroft mentioned that herself. C. Shreder and C. Candia all interviewed a candidate for the Conservation Commission agent position. R. Chane made a motion to grant negotiation/hiring authority to R. Bancroft; S. Shreder and C. Candia on behalf of the Commission in the interest of time and that we need an agent asap – seconded by T. Howland. R. Bancroft; C. Candia; R. Chane; T. Howland and C. Shreder approve the motion; L. Umberger is ney – motion approved.

R. Bancroft motioned the Board to close the Oct 19 meeting – seconded by T. Howland – all member present voted to approve and close the meeting.