

GEORGETOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

MEETING MINUTES – November 16, 2023

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Conservation Commissions Present: R. Bancroft, C. Candia, R. Chane, T. Howland, L. Umberger, I. Wye

Acting agent: J. Lopez

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**Minutes:** no meeting minutes to approve

**Business/Discussion Items:**

1. Schedule Executive Session (Georgetown Conservation Commission)  
The Georgetown Conservation Commission agreed to hold an executive session on Nov 22, 2023 at 7pm to discuss Mello Corp. Refer to #3 of the reasons for executive session – "To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or ligating position of a public body"
- 2 Items no reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting:  
R. Bancroft mentioned that the new Conservation Agent will start on Monday – she was welcomed to the Commission  
R. Bancroft thanked the folks a Camp Denison regarding the payment of bills/invoices  
The Commission thanked J. Lopez for his outstanding interim support as Conservation Agent

**Order of Conditions:**

3. 12 Pillsbury Lane (DEP #161-0902; GCC 2020-16)  
Construction of an addition in the rear of the existing dwelling to replace a 3-seasons porch within the same footprint  
J. Lopez conducted a site visit and authorized removal the erosion control. Lopez finds the project in compliance. Applicant Stephen R. Hingham had no comment  
R. Bancroft made a motion to approve the CoC at 12 Pillsbury Lane, seconded by R. Chane  
Roll call vote- all in favor – motion approved

### **Notice of Intent:**

4. 47 West Street (State NOI) DEP #161-1889 – continued from October 16, 2023  
Construction of a 16-unit senior housing development  
This project was continued from Oct 16<sup>th</sup> as the applicant wanted to appear before the ZBA to remove this entire project out of the wetland jurisdiction area. The project did appear before the ZBA; however, the ZBA requires additional information from the applicant. As a result we will request to continue this project to Dec. 21, 2023 at 7pm. R. Bancroft made a motion to continue to Dec 21, 2023 at 7pm; seconded by C. Candia. Roll call vote – unanimous to approve – motion approved

### **Request for Determination of Applicability:**

5. 37 Pillsbury Lane (GCC #2023-14)  
Excavation to remove earth from a portion of a grass slope and adjacent tree lined ridge and re-grade, loam and re-seed lawn within an isolated wetland  
The applicant Bryan Delany presented the plan to regrade a steep slope in his backyard that is within 100' of wetland but outside of the 50' and outside of conservation commission no cut/no disturb granite markers  
R. Chane made a motion to a site visit at the property on Saturday, Nov 18, 2023 at 9:00 am; seconded by T. Howland – roll call vote – 5 for – 1 no – motion approved  
R. Chane made a motion to continue 37 Pillsbury Lane to Dec 21, 2023 at 7:10pm; seconded by R. Bancroft – roll call vote - unanimously approved –
6. 1-9 National Avenue (formerly 404 East Main Street)  
to determine whether the area depicted on the site plan is subject to jurisdiction  
Frank Postma represented the applicant and presented the plan to upgrade concrete and a silo on the property. There are 4 wetlands on site. R. Bancroft asked about silt socks to absorb an oil or diesel spills from crane equipment anticipated to be used to renovate the site. Mr. Postma informed the commission that the site already contains an extensive remediation plan and procedures for spills from equipment. The commission noted that the site is contained within a concrete platform  
R. Chane made a motion to accept/approve 1 – 9 Nation Ave with a negative determination for the wetland delineations; seconded by Bancroft. Roll call vote – unanimous approval – motion carries
7. 200 West Main Street (GCC #2023-15)  
Side addition to a single-family house  
James Brothers representing Kneeland Construction presented the plan to build a structure 16' X 23' on a concrete pad that is roughly 26' X 23' in size and within 100' of Rock Pond.  
R. Bancroft made a motion for a positive determination of the RDA; seconded by L. Umberger – roll call vote – unanimous in favor – motion carries  
R. Bancroft noted that any funds already spent by the applicant shall be applied or refunded to the cost of the NOI.  
  
R. Bancroft made a motion to close the meeting of Nov 16, 2023; seconded by R. Chane – roll call vote – unanimous to approve – meeting adjourned

**Items not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting:**

1. Interview and Commission vote to Hire New Agent (Applicant Candidate)

C. Shreder introduced M. Grenier to the conservation commission. M. Grenier gave a brief overview of her background and her resume. M. Grenier has held positions in various towns as a Town Planner; Conservation Agent/Director and Chair of Board of Selectmen to name a few. She is Plant Wetland Scientist (PWS); she has worked both privately as a wetland scientist and project manager. She has a degree in Human Resources and Public Administration. She is familiar with procurement, can take meeting minutes and enjoys being a public servant. There were a few questions from commissioners.

R. Bancroft made a motion to appoint M. Grenier as Georgetown's Conservation Commission Agent; seconded by C. Candia – roll call vote all approve – motion carries

**Close Meeting:**

R. Bancroft made a motion to close the meeting; seconded by T. Howland – roll call vote all approve – motion to close carries