



## **TOWN OF PELHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

### **Pelham, Massachusetts**

Minutes for September 13, 2018

PRESENT: Dana MacDonald, David Gross, Meredith Borenstein

VISITOR: Judith Sanders (on the phone)

Chair MacDonald brought the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the August 30 Conservation Commission were reviewed. No revisions were deemed necessary. Voting to approve the minutes was tabled to a subsequent meeting when a quorum is present.

#### **14 Boyden Road potential wetland violations**

Chair MacDonald informed the Commission about communications with Judith Sanders, the owner of a property at 14 Boyden Road. The renter of the property has done landscaping including the addition of a large parking area paved with traprock gravel. The Landowner did not give permission to the renter for this work. The Zoning Board of Appeals and the Select Board have become involved in the dispute between landowner and renter. The ZBA issued a cease and desist order to the renter. The ZBA was concerned that wetlands violations were occurring during the work done at the site. The owner has asked the Commission to visit the site to determine if that is the case. The Commission plans to visit the site on the morning of September 14.

Chair MacDonald phoned Judith Sanders and husband during the Commission's discussion. Ms. Sanders described the renter's actions and noted that a swale at the front of the property near the driveway fills with water after rainfalls. She confirmed that the renter has been notified that the Commission will visit the property on September 14 and confirmed that she would like the Commission to determine if a wetlands violation has occurred.

#### **Saturday dinner with the Funderburks**

The Commission discussed an upcoming visit of former Commissioner Steve Funderburk and his wife. The Commission will attempt to schedule a meal with the Funderburks and former Commissioner Weigel while the Funderburks are in town.

#### **Recap of DCR meeting**

Agent Borenstein reported that the meeting concerning forestry violations near Quabbin gate SH1 has been postponed to a future date. Agent Borenstein and Commissioner Lukas arrived at

the meeting to find that the logger had not received the certified letter informing him of the meeting.

**Site visits to 45 Harkness Road and 266 Amherst Road (Cold Spring Environmental)**

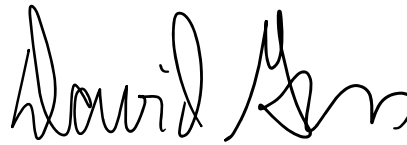
Chair MacDonald informed the Commission that Cold Spring Environmental has requested site visits to the two listed properties for the purpose of reviewing proposed septic projects. Chair MacDonald reported that he had visited 48 Harkness. A vernal pond is across the road from the property. The proposed tank and septic locations are over 150 feet from the pond. He confirmed that the site looks good.

**Tabled items**

The agenda items including a follow up on mosquito spraying on Pelham roads and outlining actions to streamline wetland permitting actions under the town bylaw were tabled to a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted by David Gross

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Gross", with a stylized, cursive script.