

TOWN OF NEWINGTON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 29, 2014

Special Meeting

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Block called the July 29, 2014 Special Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in Conference Room L-100.

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Block  
Commissioner Igielski  
Commissioner Zelek  
Commissioner Cassasanta  
Commissioner Sadil  
Commissioner Ancona  
Commissioner Clark  
Commissioner Paskevitch-A

Staff Present

Chris Greenlaw, Town Engineer

II. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**  
(Each speaker limited to two minutes.)

Audience: Is this a regular meeting?

Chairman Block: Well, it's a prefix, so you.....

Audience: Is it past the public participation?

Chairman Block: No, you have caught it by a split second, so you have two minutes please.

John Bachand, 56 Maple Hill Avenue: You know who I am, I just wanted to follow up, I know you didn't get anything on that Mill Pond proposal yet, I suppose, right, so I just wanted to say there has been all this talk that technically that property is in preserved open space and all that, I wasn't really prepared to speak right now, but I just wanted to mention that it's pretty curious that they are still moving ahead with that, the question of wetlands and wetland maps and hundred foot buffers and all that stuff, so it just seems pretty strange that they are still going ahead with that, but I guess you still haven't gotten anything from the town on this?

Chairman Block: No, nothing.

John Bachand: And what is the usual, how will it go, if it passes that referendum which I doubt it will anyway, then it comes to this Commission, or you aren't even sure about that.

Chairman Block: I really don't know, we haven't had anything before us.

John Bachand: And Chris, if I could ask the engineer, do you know if the map that is on line is any different than the actual map?

Chris Greenlaw: There is no comment at this time.

John Bachand: When would I hope to get a comment on that, or if I actually came into your office would I get a comment, or.....

Chris Greenlaw: If the public would like to ask a question as it pertains to any parcel in town, but I can't speak on a site of a specific value or interest when there is no application because, and I'll tell you directly, and the attorneys can tell us better is that we can have no pre-determination or pre-judgment or show prejudice, but if you came in as a resident and you looked at any parcel in town, and you wanted to say, staff, agent to the wetlands, can you please explain this map to me, I will. But it's as easy as, well, if you need assistance with that, we'll help you, but that is where the conversation will end. There will be no speculation. Period.

John Bachand: No, I just wanted to get that specific line because there was a line through Mill Pond Park that you know, says where the wetland ends, and where the hundred foot buffer ends, but I know from previous meetings that those lines change, and things change and it could be on a specific site plan, I guess that's what it would be right, on that specific properties plan.

Chairman Block: John, when it comes before us, we'll discuss the matter and we'll see where these things go. All right?

John Bachand: Should I leave now?

Chairman Block: Yes, we're going into Executive Session

John Bachand: Will there be a second public participation?

Chairman Block: Yeah. It's on the agenda.

John Bachand: Was there an agenda, because I didn't see anything. The one I picked up is for the other meeting across the hall.

Chairman Block: I'll note for the record that Kathleen Marie Clark has joined us, so we have a full slate of Commissioners.

Commissioner Igielski moved that the Commission go into executive session on the topic of pending litigation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zelek. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion, with seven voting YEA.

### III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### A. Pending Litigation

The Commission returned to regular business

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

None

Chris Greenlaw: Point of Order, we should state for the tape that Commissioner Ancona left during the Executive Session

Commissioner Clark: He left at 8:30.

Chairman Block: Yes, because he wanted to familiarize himself with the plans before proceeding.

Commissioner Zelek: At what point can we entertain discussing an item for the agenda at the next regular meeting? Talk about the roles of the Conservation Commission as they pertain to the Town Charter?

Chairman Block: I would like to suggest that tomorrow give Chris a call and remind him to place that as an agenda item on the next public meeting.

Chris Greenlaw: Point of order, what we will do is the Chairman can propose items being put on the agenda, so just simply, items of consideration can be sent through the Chairman and the Chairman has the authority to add things to the agenda.

Chairman Block: Okay, then consider it done Jeff. Then I wouldn't mind if you would send me an e-mail so I include everything.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS  
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None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sadil moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clark. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Addis,  
Temporary Recording Secretary

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