

Eastham Conservation Commission

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**Eastham Conservation Commission
555 Old Orchard Road and
Various Locations
July 12, 2016
Public On-Site Meeting
AGENDA**

Commissioners Present: Chairman Michael Harnett, Tom Durkin and Shelia Filipowski, James Baughman and Alexander Cestaro.

Commissioners Not Present: Steven LaBranche.

Staff Present: Shana Brogan.

Also Present: None.

The meeting began at 8:15 AM.

Continuation of Notice of Intent filed by John and Martha Sherff. Applicant proposes vista pruning and removal of three oak trees at property located at 15 Blue Bill Lane, Map 17, Parcel 520.

Commissioners did not visit the site.

Meeting procedures Wetlands Protection Act, pressure treated wood, new construction and reconstruction dwellings.

Commissioners discussed the Pressure Treated Wood Policy. It was noted that the state allows Pressure treated wood and there are three areas of contact: Freshwater, salt water and soil. Commissioners agreed there should be a standard for cutting when in contact with soil and for soil contact they may be in agreement to allow the supports to be pressure treated wood but there need to be performance standards for containment of debris. It was agreed to look into the leaching of chemicals effects on soil.

Commissioners agreed that no pressure treated wood should be allowed in ponds and it was agreed to look at other town wetland regulations.

After lengthy discussion regarding the use of pressure treated wood in contact with salt water, the commission leaned towards not allowing it, but also to conduct more research and provide background for any regulation implementation or policy change.

Alexander Cestaro said he would send information to the commission related to pressure treated wood and what has been found safe by the Environmental Protection Agency.

9:45AM
Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted as prepared by,



Shana Brogan



Michael Harnett, Chairman
Conservation Commission