

## WAYLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, Thursday, January 5, 2017 7:06 – 9:06PM

Approved: January 26, 2017

**Location:** Selectman's Meeting Room, Town Building, 41 Cochituate Road, Wayland, MA

**Present:** Roger Backman, Thomas Davidson, Barbara Howell, Sean Fair, John Sullivan Chairperson: Sherre Greenbaum, Conservation Administrator: Linda Hansen

**Not present:** Joanne Barnett

**Minutes:** Nicole Thomson

S.Greenbaum opened the meeting at 7:06 PM noting that a quorum was present.

1. **Citizens Time: This is a time for input to the Commission regarding items that are *not* on the agenda.**

Paul Dale met with the Commission on behalf of his initiative to ban the usage of plastic bags in Wayland. Mr. Dale addressed his two warrant articles being presented at the Town Meeting in April. The first is a plastic bag reduction bylaw.

Mr. Dale made clear the appropriate town board for enforcement would be the Board of Health. Mr. Dale spoke to the Board of Health regarding this issue and was told that due to staffing constraints and their current work load, the Board of Health refused to be the enforcing agent. Mr. Dale expressed his desire for an enforcing town board before he brought his articles to the Town Meeting. S. Greenbaum thought it did not fall within the Conservation Commission's jurisdiction to enforce the bylaw. L. Hansen agreed and stated that too much time would be spent on outreach efforts. S. Fair disagreed and spoke on the need to be the enforcing board since Board of Health refused.

Mr. Dale spoke on this issue and stated the enforcement would be minimal for the Commission. Most towns rely on a citizens complaint based system; reducing the hours conservation staff would spend on it. S. Fair volunteered to create and manage a volunteer board; Mr. Dale already had a dozen citizens committed to perform the outreach.

The second warrant addresses the elimination of polystyrene found in takeout food containers. Mr. Dale spoke with Board of Health, who was also not open to this bylaw either.

Mr. Dale asked the Commission Members for their informal vote on their receptiveness to becoming the enforcement agent for both bylaws. The informal vote was 2-4; many Commissioner Members did not feel it was their place to be the enforcing officer and should fall on a different board.

Mr. Dale will submit his articles for the Town Meeting in April and requested to be on the agenda for the January 26 Conservation Commission meeting for further discussion.





- Motion to issue a partial certificate of compliance under the Wetlands Protection Act;  
Seconded 6-0**
- Motion to issue a partial certificate of compliance under the Chapter 194 bylaw;  
Seconded 6-0**
7. **Request for Performance Guarantee**
- a. 22 Forty Acre Drive, DEP # 322-865
- Motion to return \$1,200 performance guarantee; Seconded 6-0**
- b. 121 Dudley Road DEP # 322-775
- Motion to return \$2,500 performance guarantee; Seconded 6-0**
- c. 121 Dudley Road DEP # 322-840
- Motion to return \$500 performance guarantee; Seconded 6-0**
- d. 11 Three Ponds Road, File # D- 840
- Motion to return \$750 performance guarantee; Seconded 6-0**
8. **Minutes: Sept. 29, Dec. 1, and Dec. 15**  
**Motion to approve the Minutes of September 29, 2016; Seconded 6-0**  
**Motion to approve the Minutes of December 1, 2016; Seconded 6-0**  
**Motion to approve the Minutes of December 15, 2016; Seconded 6-0**
9. **Adjournment**  
**Motion to adjourn at 9:06 PM; Seconded 6-0**

The next **Scheduled** Conservation Commission Meeting is January 26, 2017 and will be held in the  
Wayland Town Building.