



Town of Groveland
Economic Development, Planning &
Conservation Department
Conservation Commission
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MOTION: Grim motions to accept the September 15, 2022 meeting minutes. Bartelt seconds. Voted 4-0. The motion passes.

BOARD: Conservation Commission
MEETING DATE: September 15, 2022
MEETING PLACE: Town Hall and Zoom
TIME: 7:00 PM
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: M. Dempsey, S. Bartelt (Remote), F. O'Connor (Remote), T. Grim, B. Formosi, T. Schaefer
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:
GUESTS: Annie Schindler (EPC & Town Planner), Lauren Gill (3 Oakland Terrace)

Note: Minutes are not taken verbatim, see the recorded meeting for verbatim information.

MOTION: Grim motions to open the meeting at 7:09 PM on September 15, 2022. Schaefer seconds. Voted: Dempsey, aye. Bartelt, aye. Grim, aye. Formosi, aye. Schaefer, aye. The motion passes.

Friends of Veasey – Boulders at Nuns Hill

Dempsey: At the last meeting, we had decided to put boulders at the bottom of Nuns Hill to deter people driving up the hill, but the Friends of Veasey were not fans of this idea.

Bartelt: Someone had suggested an earthen berm, but I'm sure the Friends of Veasey (FoV) would be okay with anything that is temporary.

O'Connor joined the meeting at 7:12.

Dempsey: We could do a split rail fence, Annie has spoken with the Highway Department and they also are not in support of boulders.

O'Connor: We could get more picnic tables and place them strategically.

Dempsey: I will put together a plan and speak with the Highway Department directly.

Lower Center Street Fall Clean Up

Schindler: I think it is a good time for the Commission to organize a clean up in this area. There is trash in the parking lot and around the boat launch area.

Dempsey: Lets try to coordinate this with the other site visits we have to schedule.

Informal Discussion RE 3 Oakland Terrance basketball court

Schindler: Lauren Gill, the homeowner who is present, is interested in creating a half court basketball court on her property. She is aware that there are wetlands in the rear of her property and she would like to discuss with the Commission different possibilities for the placement of the court.

Grim: If you were to place it in the lawn area proposed, it wouldn't be jurisdictional and you wouldn't have to come back to the Commission for approval.

Gill: Understood. While I'm here, would it be possible for me to add a pool anywhere? Also there are dead trees and trash in our backyard, do we have to get permission to remove those?
BOARD: Looking at your lot, it seems like you'd have to choose either a basketball court or a pool. As for the dead trees and trash, as long as it is done by hand and not with equipment.

MOTION: Dempsey motions to open the hearing portion of the meeting at 7:30 PM. Grim seconds. Voted: Dempsey, aye. Bartelt, aye. Grim, aye. Formosi, aye. Schaefer, aye. O'Connor, aye. The motion passes.

268 Washington St – GRDA/Update Continued

Schindler: This is a filing after the fact. Work was done on the garage, a staircase was put in and siding was replaced. Four small footings were added for the staircase and those were the only ground impacts.

MOTION: Shaefer motions to issue a negative determination for the four small footings next to the garage. Grim seconds. Voted: Dempsey, aye. Bartelt, aye. Grim, aye. Formosi, aye. Schaefer, aye. O'Connor, aye. The motion passes.

104 King Street – GANRAD

Shaefer recuses himself.

Schindler: We will have to continue this to the next meeting, there were scheduling issues with the applicant.

MOTION: Grim moves to continue the hearing on 104 King Street – GANRAD to the October 12th meeting. Formosi seconds. Voted: Dempsey, aye. Bartelt, aye. Grim, aye. Formosi, aye. Schaefer, abstains. O'Connor, aye. The motion passes.

MOTION: Grim motions to close the hearing portion of the meeting at 7:36 PM. Schaefer seconds. Voted: Dempsey, aye. Bartelt, aye. Grim, aye. Formosi, aye. Schaefer, aye. O'Connor, aye. The motion passes.

Seasonal Restriction Waiver Requests & Scheduling of Site Visits

Dempsey: PRSD has requested a waiver for work to be completed at the school, specifically the football field. Since it is only September, and because it is such a large project, I think a site visit is required.

BOARD: We will schedule a week night for the school, and two Saturdays for the Lower Center Street clean up and site visits at 104 King Street and 106 King Street.

Approval of August 10, 2022 Minutes

MOTION: Grim motions to accept the August 10, 2022 meeting minutes. Formosi seconds. Voted: Dempsey, aye. Bartelt, aye. Grim, aye. Formosi, aye. Schaefer, aye. O'Connor, aye. The motion passes.

Environmental Program Coordinator Update

Schindler: I have received "Safety Zone" signs from Mass Fish & Wildlife and will be putting them up in Meadow Pond before hunting season. A hunting stand was discovered at 150 Center Street that I will be taking down. I will be sending out seasonal cut off reminder letters to those with open permits by the end of this month. Also, we have officially moved offices.

Open Discussion

None at this time.

Calls, meetings, and upcoming projects

Schindler: The culvert at Uptack will begin construction next summer. The cross country sewer project will begin this winter, along with the turtle habitat that will be created at 150 Center St.

Dempsey: We need to reach out to the Dehullus about their progress on Maple Land and their control of the knotweed at 38 Benjamin St.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is October 12, 2022 at 7:00pm.

MOTION: Grim motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. Schaefer seconds the motion.

Voted: Dempsey, aye. Bartelt, aye. Grim, aye. Formosi, aye. Schaefer, aye. O'Connor, aye. The motion passes.

Meeting Materials: Letter from Davida Flynn RE PRSD Building Project Request to Work Within Buffer Zone Between October 15 and April 15, PRSD Site Plan, 268 Washington Street GRDA Application, Draft August 20, 2022 Minutes, Email from Jim Fiore RE 104 King Site Visit Unable to Attend meeting.