



# Town of Sterling

## Conservation Commission

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In attendance: Chari Roberti, Vice Chair Pineo, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Pavlowich, Ms. Valentine

### AGENDA

#### STERLING CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING-February 19, 2019

BUTTERICK BUILDING- Basement Level (B03) 7:30 PM

1. Meeting Notices and communications.
2. Minutes from the previous meeting
3. Old business- Follow-up Items from Warrant articles / Grant applications ( If any)
4. New Business-
  - 4.1 Orchardist update for Waushacum Meadow
  - 4.2 Tennis Court Reconstruction Committee seeks advice and consent as well as a vote to support a Conservation Restriction on 300 Princeton Road, if required. Chuck Plaisted – meets the goal of OS plan. OSIC supports. Use of serviceberry trees. BOS will be meeting to award a bid, likely Vermont recreational services. May need a conservation restriction. As a committee, they have been to town meeting. Grant funding has been sought- state would require control from the conservation commission to rec com. Commission noted that you have to go through a procedure involving state legislature. Commission requested tennis court alternate be examined. Mr. Pavlowich expressed concerns about taking away existing parking. The Commission outlined the Notice of Intent and DCR requirements. Mr. Pineo noted some drainage issues that need to be repaired. Mr. Pavlowich examined the use of pickle ball versus use of the full tennis court. A letter of support was requested to the capital committee, Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee. Ms. Valentine motioned to write a letter of support minus the tree line and cleaning of a drainage swale and noting no change of parcel ownership. Mr. Pineo seconded and the commission voted unanimously.
5. Enforcement/Investigation- Investigation of flooding situations at Justice Hill Road - update
6. Certificates of Compliance/Extension permits – 42 Lakeshore, Roger Oaetman – MM recommended the issuance of both certificates.  
6 Tara Lane, McKiernan approved-
- 7 Agents Report
  - 7.1 Erosion Control on Hall Ave- update
  - 7.2 Forest Stewardship grant and Forest cutting scope of work (proposed)
  - 7.3 Treasury Report – update
  - 7.4 Update on Appeal of Simpson Order of Conditions
8. Adjourn



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### PUBLIC HEARINGS

7:40 PM In accordance with MGL ch 131 s 40 as amended, there will be a Public Meeting on a Request for a determination of applicability by Laura Doherty for the removal of trees and some site grading within the buffer zone to accommodate the replacement of a septic system at 66 Maple Ave.

Chris Mackenzie from Ducharme and Dillis explained the project to the conservation commission and oriented them to the wetland resource area. He noted that it was only grading to accommodate the septic that is in the buffer zone. Erosion control has been proposed. Mr Mosely inquired if trees will be removed. Mr. Mackenzie noted one pine tree. Board of Health has not yet approved and requested a minor revision that should be March 6, 2019.

There was no public comment. Mr. Mosley moved for a negative determination based on plans dated 1/14/19 with the condition that the board of health must approve prior to construction. The motion was seconded by Ms. Valentine and approved unanimously.