



# Town of Sterling Conservation Commission

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## MINUTES

### STERLING CONSERVATION

COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING- Jan 4, 2022

Butterick Municipal Building

1 Park Street

Sterling, MA 01564

**MEETING AT 7:30 PM**

MEETING BY ZOOM VIRTUAL

1. Meeting Notices and communications- . Meeting called to order by Chair Roberti at 7:30 PM with Chair Roberti, Vice Chair Pineo, Mr. Michalak, Mr. Pavlowich, Ms. valentine, Ms. Merlino ( associate ) and Matthew Marro, Commission Staff present.
2. Minutes from the previous meeting minutes from the December 21, 2021 meeting were approved by a motion of Mr. Pineo and a second by Mr. Michalak and a unanimous roll call vote of the commission.
3. Old business- Follow-up Items from Warrant articles / Grant applications (If any)
4. New Business- 61A release for the (#7) for Justice Hill-rear lot The Commission voted to release the lot by a motion of Mr. Michalak and a second by Mr. Pineo and a unanimous vote of the commission,
5. Enforcement/Investigation- 160 Princeton Road Mr. Marro reviewed the items touched on at the previous meeting. Mr. Tully proposed extending the pipe during the winter and constructing the berm in the spring. Mr. James Densmore noted the severity of the flooding of his property and the necessity of the work to take place. Mr. Michalak noted the stockpiled loamy soils on site and after discussion it was agreed to by all parties that it could be used to top dress and seed the berm and the remainder applied on the property to top dress the areas as needed. Mr. Michalak moved to allow for the remedial work with the use of the soil stockpile as top dressing. Mr. Pineo seconded and the commission approved the motion by unanimous vote.

Cider Hill Condominiums – Kevin Beaupre appeared before the commission to review the site inspection that happened with Mr. Marro. Mr. Marro noted that it appeared some work had taken place on commission property. Two large pines that were felled were still on commission property and it was noted that it had been cut into pieces that could be scattered around the lot. MR. Beaupre noted the history of the lot and the trees that currently were on the edge of the lawn area that pose a threat to the condo's adjacent to it. Mr. Pineo noted the 20 foot no touch zone and the meaning behind it. He noted that some of that zone may actually come onto commission property. Mr. Marro agreed and stressed that he will have to work with multiple departments to resolve jurisdictional issues and to come up with a solution workable to all parties. Eric Sun showed an exhibit

containing Photos of the tree work on site and noted he was concerned some of it may be on his property and at the very least; the felled trees may cross the property line onto his property. Scott Handler noted similar concerns of Eric Sun. Mr. Marro and Mr. Beaupre noted that the firm of Whitman and Bingham Associates will be completing a survey of that portion of the property line and after (potentially) Mr. Marro and a commissioner can come and examine the property line and make a recommendation to the commission on where the issues lay according to property ownership and what solutions can be worked out. The matter was continued to the January 18, 2022 meeting by a motion of Mr. Michalak and a second by Mr. Pineo and a unanimous vote of the Commission by roll call.

## 6. Certificates of Compliance-

## 7 Agents Report

### 7.1 Storm water updates

### 7.2 Forest Stewardship activities Mr. Marro noted that Gary Gouldrup would have to rebid the forest cutting activities for the Hall and Park St lots due to the original firm ceasing business operations. He noted that Mr. Gouldrup told him that this was a good time as lumber had gone up in price to desirable level.

### 7.3 Treasury Report – update

## 8. Adjourn THE MEETING ADJURNED AT 8:58 PM by a motion of Mr. Michalak, a second by Mr. Pineo and a unanimous vote by roll call to approve the motion.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

## TO BE CONTINUED

7:30 PM: Commission will hold a CONTINUED public hearing on a Notice of Intent by Carol and Angelo Rossi for the rebuilding of an existing Jetty at 53 Lake shore Drive

This was continued to the January 18<sup>th</sup> 2022 meeting by a motion of Mr Michalak a second by Ms. Valentine and a unanimous vote to approve the motion by a roll call vote.