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Robert Materne, Chairman  
David Evans, Vice Chair  
Thomas Nicholson  
Krisna Prachanronarong  
Stephen Choquette  
Matthew Habershaw  
Matt Kershaw  
Matthew L. Habershaw,  
Assoc. Mbr  
Daniel Roach, Agent

**REHOBOTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes – August 15, 2023**

**Present:** Robert Materne, Chairman, Dave Evans, Krisna Prachanronarong, Stephen Choquette, Matt Habershaw, Matt Kershaw, Associate Member Matthew L. Habershaw Daniel Roach Conservation Agent, Stacy Vilao, Office Administrator.

**Absent:** Thomas Nicholson.

**Call to Order**

Mr. Materne called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Appeal Process**

Mr. Materne explained the appeal process.

**Public Hearing and Meetings**

1. Gagne, Jr. – 172 Summer Street – ANRAD – SE60-1319

The public hearing was continued until another public hearing.

2. Gagne, Jr. – 172 Summer Street – NOI – SE60-1320

The public hearing was continued until another public hearing.

3. Zuckerberg – Behind 279 Anawan Street – NOI – SE60-1324

Mr. Rob Davis of InSite Engineering was present.

Mr. Davis presented plans.

The commission discussed the cut off to the wetlands and the retreat lot with Mr. Davis. The commission discussed putting an exchange pipe under the road to connect the wetlands.

Mr. Davis asked for a continuance until August 29, 2023.

Mr. Evans made a motion to grant the continuance until August 29, 2023.

Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion.

Mr. Fred Shobel of 291 Anawan Street was present.

Mr. Shobel asked about water shedding onto his property.

Mr. Davis explained stormwater management system to prevent this.

**General Business**

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1. Branco – 259 Plain St. – SE60-1079 – Request for COC

Mr. Evans recused himself.

Mr. Roach explained the property.

Mr. Habershaw made a motion to grant the Certificate of Compliance.

Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Motion passes.

2. Pine St. – Coming out of Chapter 61A – Discussion/Vote

Mr. Materne recused himself.

Mr. Roach explained the property.

Mr. Habershaw made a motion to not excursive the right of first refusal.

Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Motion passes.

3. Close Escrow accounts – Discussion/Vote

a. Broad St - \$1864.48

Mr. Habershaw made a motion to close the escrow account.

Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Motion passes.

b. Bristol County Water - \$545.26

Mr. Choquette made a motion to close the escrow account.

Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Motion passes

c. 200 Pine St. - \$312.62

Mr. Evans made a motion to close the escrow account.

Mr. Prachanronarong seconded the motion. Motion passes.

d. Sun Connect - \$1451.67

Mr. Evans made a motion to close the escrow account.

Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Motion passes.

e. Sun Edison - \$851.67

Mr. Evans made a motion to close the escrow account.

Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Motion passes.

f. Vieira – Plain St. - \$1275.60

Mr. Evans made a motion to close the escrow account.

Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Motion passes.

4. Signatory Authority – Discussion/Vote

Mr. Choquette made a motion that Mr. Materne, Mr. Evans & Mr. Roach be the signatory authorities.

Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Motion passes.

5. Reorganization of the commission – Discussion/Vote

Mr. Habershaw made a motion to nominate Mr. Materne as the Chairman.

Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Mr. Prachanronarong made a motion to nominate Mr. Evans as Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Mr. Habershaw made a motion to nominate Mr. Choquette to the Gravel Committee.  
Mr. Prachanronarong seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Mr. Habershaw made a motion to nominate Mr. Evans to the Community Preservation Committee & Agricultural & Natural Reserouce Committee.  
Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Mr. Evans made a motion to nominate Mr. Kershaw to the Stormwater Committee.  
Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Motion passes.

6. Proposed Wetland Bylaw – Discussion

Mr. Materne asked each member why they would want a Wetland Bylaw?  
Each member gave their ideas and why they would want a bylaw.  
Mr. Bill Morgan of 105 Cameron Way was present.  
Mr. Morgan discussed what he had researched and gave his suggestions.  
Mr. Eric Rossmeisl of 68 Water Street was present.  
Mr. Eric Rossmeisl stated his concerns with having a bylaw.

7. Proposed bylaw – Appointment of Associate Members – Discussion/Vote

Mr. Materne stated that the commission needs a bylaw so that they can appoint their own Associate Members to the commission.

8. Conservation Commissioner Updates

There were no updates.

9. Agent Updates

Mr. Roach gave an update on Authorization to Proceeds that had been issued.

**Concerns & Complaints**

1. 229 Brook Street – Concern

There were no updates.

**Violations**

1. Rego – 23 Winthrop St – Enforcement Order

Ms. Vilao explained that the property owner had come to the office requesting the plan with the original wetland line on it.

2. Alves – 29 County St – Enforcement Order

Mr. Roach explained that the property owner told him that it would be difficult to do with work.  
Mr. Evans made a motion to issue a fine tomorrow.  
Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Motion passes.

3. Morrissey – 72 Martin St. – Enforcement Order

There were no updates.

4. 172 Summer Street – Violation

There were no updates.

5. Foley – 55 Old Fall River Rd. – Enforcement Order

Mr. Roach stated the work was supposed to be done. He would go back out and check on it.

6. Pray – Almeida Road. – Enforcement Order

Mr. Choquette recused himself.

The commission discussed what work had been completed and were satisfied with the progress.

7. 12 Katie Dr. – Enforcement Order

Mr. Habershaw stated that it is still too wet to do any work.

The commission requested that Mr. Roach go out to the site with the owner's wetland scientist.

8. 370 Winthrop St – Enforcement Order

Mr. Materne stated he has to email a letter to the Board of Selectman's office.

9. 203 Moulton St. – Enforcement Order

The commission discussed going to Town Counsel for this issue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Evans made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

For the Conservation Commission

  
Robert Materne, Chairman

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David Evans, Vice-Chairman