

**FINAL**  
**PRINCETON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES FOR MEETING**  
**June 20, 2017**

**Attendance:**

Ron Thompson, Rachael Catlow, John Vieira, Barbara Laughlin, Sue Mitchell, Brian Keevan and Brett Trowbridge from the PCC .

Brian Keevan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Old Business:**

- A continuation for a Notice of Intent filed by Mohamed Samoda of 77 Main Street, Princeton, was opened at 7:02 PM, for the installation of an underground propane tank. Mr. Samoda provided a revised site plan. All the PCC concerns regarding the plan had been provided. A motion to issue a Order of Conditions was made and accepted. Order of Conditions was issued for 267-0395. Hearing closed at 7:15 PM.
  
- A continuation for a Notice of Intent filed by the Town of Princeton by Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. for reconstruction of Route 140 from the Sterling Town line from the southeast to the northwest near the fire station. DEP File No. 267-0391. Revised plans received dated 5/24/17. Received the Environmental Notification Form. Bill Murphy and Chris Howard from GPI attended the meeting with information on the revised plans, the culvert by the fire station is not being replaced as well as the sidewalk stopping at Captian Bob's Take- Out. Lists of plants and seed mixes to be used in the restoration were presented to the PCC. PCC wishes that they do not use cultivars or state-listed plants. Brett Trowbridge offered to cross check the plants and seed mixes. They plan on this going out to bid by January 2018. Requested to continue to the July 18, 2017 meeting to establish planting details.
  
- A continuation for a Request for Determination filed by John Mirick for 160 Mirick Road, for work to maintain existing water levels and flow in area in Chapter 61, and clean, clear and restore exiting man-made and natural water management system for ongoing agricultural commodities. A site visit took place on June 16, 2017 with Brian Keevan, John Vieira, Sue Mitchell, Ron Thompson, Brett Trowbridge and Rachael Catlow from the PCC. Mr. Mirick presented the commission with a narrative on the site's historical information of the property. Mr. Mirick cited Regs. 310 CMR 10.04 B 7-11. The harvesting of 2-3 cords of wood for family use per winter, cutting only dead trees. The breaching of the beaver dam by removing sticks from the spill way to keep the water flowing at an

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even depth. The sticks removed from the spill way and other dams were burned over the winter. An Enforcement Order was issued for the breaching of the beaver dams. A motion was made to issue a negative determination with no second of the motion. The applicant requested to continue to the July 18, 2017 meeting to gather more information on the beaver issues from Fish and Wildlife. Continued to the July meeting.

- Emergency Certification issued where P&R railroad crosses Hubbardston Road, there's a blocked culvert because of beavers and is causing flooding. P&R wants to replace the culvert. PCC granted it but asked the RR to file a NOI for the culvert replacement. Email was sent on April 28<sup>th</sup>. PCC was later informed that the culvert would not be replaced just cleaned. Since then the culvert was replaced and the PCC would like a NOI filed for the work. The consultant Tech Assoc. and the P&W Railroad will be contacted to have a NOI filed, if no response the DEP will be notified.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A Notice of Intent filed by Geo Services for Marsha Dowdy for 277 East Princeton Road for the replacement of a septic system at an existing 4 bedroom home (two family). DEP File No. 267-0396. Hearing opened at 9:17 PM. Property flagged by Scott Smyers of Oxbow Associates. A site visit took place on June 16, 2017 with Brian Keevan, John Vieira, Sue Mitchell, Ron Thompson, Brett Trowbridge and Rachael Catlow from the PCC. Erosion controls to be silt fence and strawbales. A Standard Order of Conditions was issued. Hearing closed at 9:31 PM.

## **Other Business:**

- Luke Farnsworth would like to do work cleaning the Town Pound for an Eagle Scout project he will write a plan and present it to the PCC.
- The BOS will hold a meeting on June 26 to vote to accept the 10 acre parcel. Tom Sullivan, from the Land Trust and Mass Audubon will attend as well as Sue Mitchell PCC.
- Resident Sue Hardenbrook expressed interest in becoming an associate member on the PCC. PCC is waiting to hear more from her.
- Rachael Catlow purchased GIS Mapping software for the Commission.

**Forest Cutting Plan: None**

**Certificate of Compliance: None**

The meeting minutes from April 16 and April 25<sup>th</sup> were accepted with amendments.  
The next PCC is scheduled for July 18, 2017.  
Meeting ended at 10:12 PM.

**Site Visit**  
**Princeton Conservation Commission**  
**6 Town Hall Drive**  
**Princeton, MA 01541**

**Site Visits: 129 Gleason Road**  
**Monday, July 17, 2017 at 5:30 pm**

- A Request for a Certificate of Compliance was filed by Scott Peoples for 129 Gleason Road, Princeton for current owner.

PRINCETON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
6 TOWN HALL DRIVE - PRINCETON MA 01541

July 3, 2017

Worcester Telegram and Gazette  
20 Franklin Street  
Worcester, MA 01615

**Please publish the following notice in the Telegram and Gazette Legal Ad on July 11, 2017.**

Princeton Conservation Commission  
6 Town Hall Drive  
Princeton, MA 01541

Thank you,  
Marsha Dowdy

Town of Princeton  
Conservation Commission

As provided by GL Ch.44 S.53G and the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (GL Ch.131 S.40), the Princeton Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on July 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex, 6 Town Hall Drive, Princeton, MA. **In the event of inclement weather conditions, the public hearing may be cancelled and rescheduled to a later date. For further information, please contact the Princeton Conservation Commission .**

To the Office of the PRINCETON Town Clerk  
e-mail: townclerk@town.princeton.ma.us  
fax: 978-464-2100

**Time Stamp:**

**BOARD/COMMITTEE: Princeton Conservation Commission**

**Meeting  Public Hearing**

(Please indicate as appropriate)

**SITE VISIT –Monday July 17, 2017**

**Meeting at 129 Gleason Road – 5:30 pm**

**MEETING DATE: July 18, 2017 at 7 PM**

**LOCATION: Town Hall Annex**

**REQUESTED BY: Princeton Conservation Commission**

*All meeting notices must be filed and time stamped in the Town Clerk's office and posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board 48 hours prior to the meeting (in accordance with MGL c. 30A, s 18-25 )*

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### **LIST OF TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED**

**The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.**

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- Discussion regarding the Providence and Worcester Railroad culvert replacement.

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE:**

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**FOREST CUTTING PLANS: None**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Commission Business, mail, procedures, etc.

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The minutes from May 16, 2017 and June 20, 2017 meetings will be read and accepted.

**The next meeting of the PCC is scheduled for August 15, 2017.**