



**Minutes of
Danvers Conservation Commission
Thursday, July 28, 2016
Danvers Town Hall**

The Danvers Conservation Commission held a public meeting on Thursday, July 28, 2016, at the Danvers Town Hall, Daniel J. Toomey Hearing Room, located at One Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA 01923.

Members present: Matthew Lallier, Chairman
Neal Waldman, Member
Peter Wilson, Member
James Elliott, Member
Jean Hartnett, Alternative

Members Absent: Michael Splaine, Vice Chairman

Staff present: Georgia Pendergast, Planner
Alicia Linehan, Secretary

Staff absent: Karen Nelson, Director of Planning and Human Services

Mr. Lallier opened the Conservation Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a reading of the “Commission Statement.”

1. Certificate of Compliance

- **128R Water Street; DCC By-Law**

Greg Hochmuth from Williams and Sparagis represented the applicant. An Order of conditions was issued in 2013 for a redevelopment of this site, area of the explosion. There is an isolated wetland. The as built was compared to the design plan and definitely in substantial compliance with the permit that was issued. There was a deviation, the parking lot is slightly further from resource area by a foot or two. A site visit was conducted that day. Site is 100% stable, plantings are in, the buffer zone’s 100% vegetated. Ms. Pendergast, agreed trees and vegetation is doing very well.

MOTION: Mr. Waldman made a motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 128R Water Street, DCC By-Law only, Mr. Elliott seconded, all in favor

2. Minutes – 7/14/16, 10/22/15, 11/12/15

MOTION: Mr. Waldman made a motion to approve minutes of 7/14/16, Mr. Wilson seconded, all in favor;
Mr. Waldman made a motion to approve minutes of 10/22/15, Mr. Elliott seconded, all in favor;
Mr. Waldman made a motion to approve minutes of 11/12/15, Mr. Elliott seconded, all in favor

3. New Business



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- **Continued discussion on raising the by-law fees**

A continuation of discussion at last meeting of a comparison of the surrounding towns' by-law fees. Our by-law fees are below average. These fees has remained the same since approved on March 5, 2003. Mr. Wilson would like to know if building permits have increased over the years. Ms. Harnett mentioned that she just recently applied for a building permit and the fee was a percentage of the value of the construction project. Mr. Waldman is against raising them because he considers this an additional tax. Mr. Lallier wanted to know if the reason for increasing them is to cover Conservation Commission costs. Ms. Pendergast will review the building permit fees and find out if the application fees can go directly to Conservation Commission. Next year there may be an opportunity to have a line item on the budget for Conservation Commission, and all fees will be deposited into this account rather than the General Fund.

4. Staff Updates

- Conservation Commission Meeting cancelled for September 8, 2016 due to state primary election day.

5. Violations/Enforcement Orders - No items

6. Staff Updates – No items

Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Waldman made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM; Mr. Elliott seconded; all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Linehan
Conservation Commission Secretary