

Minutes
Northampton Conservation Commission
2nd Floor Hearing Room, City Hall, Northampton, Mass.
May 10, 2018

Members	Present	Time
Kevin Lake, Chair	x	(Remotely for Executive Session Only)
Mason Maronn	x	
Lisa Fusco		
Jack Finn	x	
Jason Perry	x	
Jessica Pica	x	
Elizabeth Wroblicka	x	
Staff	Present	Time
Sarah LaValley	x	

<i>Meeting Opened At:</i> 5:30 p.m.	<i>By:</i> Mason
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<i>Minutes Approved:</i> November 9, 2017	<i>Motion By:</i> Kevin	<i>Second By:</i> Jack	<i>Unanimous:</i> yes
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Public Comment

None

5:30 - Executive Session under MGL C 30A §21(3) 'To discuss strategy with respect to litigation in which an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body'

By roll call vote the Commission voted all in favor to enter into Executive Session at 5:32 p.m.

By roll call vote the Commission voted all in favor to adjourn Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 6:15 p.m.

6:10 PM Request for Determination of Applicability to determine if building demolition within riverfront (CT River) and buffer zone to bank is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act or Northampton Wetlands Ordinance. Helen Hayward, 142 Riverbank Rd, map ID 25-007

Alan Weiss, Cold Spring Environmental, provided an overview of the project; demolition of a dilapidated and vacant house. The floor will be broken to make the foundation pervious, and all materials removed from the site.

The Commission discussed prevalent of bittersweet and other invasives on the site. Vines in and around the structure will be removed. Alan noted that the remains of a septic system may be present, but it is not shared with the other house on the lot. The area of the structure will remain vegetated.

The Commission agreed that removal of the structure will not have negative impacts to the riverfront area. Elizabeth moved to issue a negative determination by checking box 2, with standard conditions. Seconded by Jack, the motion carried unanimously.

As there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM