**TOWN OF MERRIMAC**

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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**Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday October 23, 2024**

Merrimac Public Library – Library Meeting Room

**Members Present:** Jerome Mathieu, chair; Greg Hochmuth, vice chair; Greg MacLean; Charlie Covahey: and Jay Smith, Conservation Agent

**The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM**

**Public Hearing: Notice of Intent (continued): Wallace boat yard, 103R River Rd.:**

**Lay Applicant: George Lay, Re: Site clean-up and test pit.**

Mr. Lay did not attend the meetingbut requested an extension until the next scheduled meeting

Mr. Lay explained that he needed extra time to complete the paperwork.

*With a unanimous vote (4-0) the Commission continued the Hearing until the next scheduled meeting.*

**Discussion: Violation update, 12 Merrimac Square, Todd Schell.**

*The Commission agreed to send a letter requesting a progress update and include a deadline of two weeks for installation of erosion control.*

**Discussion: Enforcement Order Update, 25 River Rd., Paul Chang.**

Mr. Change was in attendance. No Natural Heritage review.

Mr. Change asked the Commission to allow him to restore the area behind his house making it stable. He stated that he has no plans for any structures in that area.

*The Commission agreed to modify the Enforcement Order to allow the restoration of the area in back of the house including removal of a portion of a concrete wall. The area will include a slope of no greater than 3 to 1 and a level strip at the top of the slope and additional conditions. The area will be seeded. Work shall be completed by April 15, 2025.*

**Discussion: Possible violation, dock on the Merrimac River, 97 River Rd.**

Possible violation for no filing and no Chapter 91 permit.

*The Commission agreed to have Mr. Hochmuth draft a letter requesting information regarding a permit from Merrimac and a Chapter 91 license. Mr. Smith was asked to check with DEP as well.*

**Warrants: Payments for a computer malfunction.**

*The Commission unanimously agreed to pay the warrant for the expenses indicated.*

**Discussion: Violation, 84 River Rd.**

*The Conservation agreed to have Mr. Smith send out a letter describing the violation and include information on the rules regarding work in resource areas. The letter will include a statement that no action will be taken at this time.*

**Informal Discussion: Engineers’ list.**

*Mr. Smith will put together a new list that includes local environmental companies and some from Mr. Hochmuth’s list.*

**Informal Discussion: Administrator permit.**

*The Commission will work on submitting the document to the next Town Meeting for approval.*

**Approval of Minutes: September 25, 2024**

*Motion to approve the minutes with minor clerical changes. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).*

**Next Meeting: November 25, 2024 at 6:00pm.**

**Adjourned: 8:03pm.**

*Mr. Mathieu motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hochmuth seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*