**TOWN OF MERRIMAC**

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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**Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, April 30, 2025**

Merrimac Public Library – Library Meeting Room

**Members Present:** Jerome Mathieu, chair; Greg Hochmuth (arrived 6:15); Arthur Yarranton; Greg MacLean; Bill Andrulitis; Charlie Covahey and Jay Smith, Conservation Agent.

**The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM**

1. **Cont. Public Hearing: Notice of Intent: 1 Liberty St., Applicant: Wojcicki Development Co., RE: Rehabilitating mill building, construction of a new building and site work. DEP# 45- 325**

In Attendance were Patrick Seekamp (wetland scientist) and Steven Sawyer (Engineer). Dep comments were addressed. Stormwater report was discussed along with other engineering issues and planting plan.

*By unanimous vote the Public Hearing was closed. Erosion control was discussed. Operation and Maintenance plan needs to be submitted. All Norway Maples will be taken down. Public Hearing Closed. The Commission will work on Conditions for the project to be distributed before the next meeting. Materials still needed are a Norway Maple replacement, O and M for the rain garden, 2 year monitoring for the shrubs, 1-2-5 year monitoring plan, invasive species narrative and performance guarantee. Continued to the next scheduled meeting.*

1. **Discussion: Signing CR for Hoyt farm, Birch Meadow Rd.**

In attendance was Vanessa Hall (Essex County Green Belt)

*A motion was made and seconded to approve and accept the Conservation restriction for the Hoyt farm. (6-0)*

1. **Discussion: New CR review Knettell and Andrulitis, Hadley Rd.**

Bill recases himself. No signature needed the Con Com is not a co-holder.

*A motion was made and approved unanimously to have the Chairman send a letter of approval for the CR.*

1. **Discussion: COC Request Lake Attitash boat ramp. DEP#45-313**

*After reviewing the agent’s comments and pictures the Commission unanimously voted to issue a complete Certificate of Compliance for the boat ramp, Attitash St. (6-0).*

1. **Discussion: COC Request 21 Middle Rd. Rollins dock and walkway. DEP#45-310**

*After reviewing the agent’s comments and pictures the Commission unanimously voted to issue a complete Certificate of Compliance for 21 Middle Rd. (6-0).*

1. **Cont. Discussion: Phosphorus removal project for Lake Attitash on Back River.**

In attendance were Roger Roberts and Robert Desmaris.

*The phosphorus removal proposal was reviewed. The Commission asked for additional information including a letter from a PE or other expert, and a O and M plan.*

1. **Discussion: Update 56 Birch Meadow Rd.**

**Mr. Smith was given the ok by the owner’s attorney to visit the site.**

*The Commission stated that they would forgo a formal site visit and review Jay Smiths findings at the next meeting.*

1. **Approval of Minutes: March 31, 2025**

Charlie recuses himself.

*With a unanimous vote of approval (5-0) the minutes were approved as is.*

1. **Next Meeting: Monday, May 26, 2025**

*Meeting date changed to June 2nd due to Memorial Day.*

1. **Reminder of Arthur’s party.**

**Meeting adjourned 7:35pm.**