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### **Minutes**

#### **Attending**

Julian Kadish, Chairman  
Mark Fernandes  
Ron O'Reilly  
Dan Pearson

John Thomas, Conservation Dir.

#### **Absent**

Lisa Carrozza, Vice Chairperson  
Megan Harrop, Conservation Secty.  
Tamah Vest

**6:30pm Open Meeting**

## **I. NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **A. DEP# 250-1016 Request for Extension – Wheaton College. (Map 17, Lot 14)**

Applicant requesting extension for Peacock Pond Wall Repair Project.



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Thomas shared details about the project with the Commission (including a map). The applicant would like to complete repairs in the southern part of the pond. Thomas told them that if they were to mark up a plan, this would facilitate an extension, whether it be one or three years. Kadish: Wheaton has always acted in good faith and I have no problem with a three-year extension and would expect them to come back for a COC before that. Thomas: Yes, they said they would get this done in two years, if possible. Kadish: Questions from the Commission. Pearson agreed with Kadish.

Motion to grant a three-year extension		Aye		Abstain	Nay
1. Pearson	<i>carries unanimously</i>	Kadish	O'Reilly	0	0
2. O'Reilly		Fernandes	Pearson		

#### B. DEP# 250-973 Request for Amended Order of Conditions – Winnecunnet Pond (Map 19, Lot 183)

Applicant requesting AOC to include ProcellaCOR to the Winnecunnet Pond Aquatic Management Plan for treatment of variable-leaf milfoil.

Stephanie L. Martin, Environmental Scientist with TRC presented the plan for the proposed work on behalf of the Town. TRC would like to add ProcellaCOR because although existing treatments have worked against fanwort, variable-leaf milfoil (*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*) has not responded as well. Fanwort has dropped from 2017–2022; in the same period, milfoil continues to increase. Variable leaf milfoil has dropped from May to September 2022 but TRC recommends for 2023 that ProcellaCOR be used in 2023 not only “to regain control over variable-leaf milfoil” but also to “avoid the development of a Fluridone-resistant population.” TRC’s “correspondence with the NHESP indicates that use of ProcellaCOR at concentrations less than or equal to 10 parts per billion (ppb) is not expected to result in a take of rare species in the Pond.” Treatment would involve “Application: Late spring, early summer...Concentration: Less than or equal to 10ppb...Monitoring: [1] Post-treatment herbicide residue and dissolved oxygen with 24 hours of treatment and [2] post-treatment dissolved oxygen...one week following treatment and approximately bi-weekly thereafter.” Kadish: Is this agent used in other ponds in Norton? Martin: It’s approved for use at Chartley. Kadish: It would appear this request is driven by a need for change. Questions? Kadish: Does Thomas have any objections? Thomas: No. Kadish: It’s being used in other ponds. Call for a vote to add the new herbicide to the OOC.

Motion to grant an AOOC		Aye		Abstain	Nay
1. O'Reilly	<i>carries unanimously</i>	Kadish	O'Reilly	0	0
2. Fernandes		Fernandes	Pearson		

#### C. DEP# 250-XXXX

ANRAD - 1 Dean Street- Rob Celberti



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(Map 27, Lot 181-0)

#### REQUEST CONTINUANCE UNTIL 6/26

Applicant is seeking confirmation and verification of onsite resource areas.

Kadish: Continuance requested but it must be opened first. Thomas: The applicant submitted plans, and he [Thomas] has done a site visit. Thomas found "discrepancies" in "delineation," which the applicant will "fix" and a potential vernal pool on site, which must be further evaluated.

Motion to grant a continuation to the 6/26/23 mtg.		Aye		Abstain	Nay
1. Pearson	<i>carries unanimously</i>	Kadish	O'Reilly	0	0
2. O'Reilly		Fernandes	Pearson		

#### D. DET# 1132

#### RDA - 14 Guy Street – Michael Durant

(Map 20, Lot 160)

Applicant proposes to upgrade the existing soil absorption system as well as construct an addition to the existing residence.

David Klennert from Collins Civil Engineering Group represented the applicant and shared a plan to add to an existing single-family home and upgrade the associated septic system. Klennert: There are wetlands to the west and south of the property. We plan to stay outside the 50' buffer. The applicant proposes a silt fence or 8" wattle to run along and outside the 50' buffer and surround the limit of work, which would protect the street as much as possible. They also plan to put silt sacks in the catch basins. Applicant proposes to put a 16' addition on the south side of the house and a 14' addition around the corner to the west side of the house. Most of the grading and work, including the septic system, would be outside the 100' buffer. The system, with elevations ranging from 51'–54' would be "slightly mounted." Everything inside the buffer would be in mostly "pre-disturbed" areas. A few small bushes might need to be removed. The property does not lie within a flood zone or environmental protection zone, nor are there any vernal pools or rivers nearby. Kadish: If you're covering up the catch basins, you're anticipating a "big mess"? Klennert responded that he was preparing for a big rain. Kadish: Is this a totally new system, i.e., a cesspool now? Klennert: Yes, there is a leaching field now, all of which will be moved outside the 100' BZ. Kadish: Do you have to upgrade during that process? Klennert: Yes, there's going to be a pump station, part of which is in the old system. Kadish: John, do you have any issues with the project? Thomas: No: I have confirmed resource areas, and so we're good to go. Kadish: Questions? This is a fairly straightforward request. Looks like this qualifies for a -3 determination.

Motion to close the public hearing		Aye		Abstain	Nay
1. O'Reilly	<i>carries unanimously</i>	Kadish	O'Reilly	0	0
2. Fernandes		Fernandes	Pearson		



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Motion to grant a -3 determination		Aye		Abstain	Nay
1. O'Reilly	<i>carries unanimously</i>	Kadish	O'Reilly	0	0
2. Fernandes		Fernandes	Pearson		

## II. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

### A. DEP# 250-1123 NOI - 13 Dean Street – Daniel Pires

(Map 31, Lot 22)

REQUEST CONTINUANCE UNTIL 5/8

*The applicant proposes to repair a septic system and grade the site, which would include disturbance within the 100' BZ.*

*(Continued from 3/13/2023 for 3 meetings)*

Kadish: This is a simple septic repair. Thomas: Yes, and it's very close to the resource areas. Kadish: If this is a simple septic repair, why are the continuations needed? Thomas: Because there is a flowing stream nearby and the system is very close to the 25' border of a resource area. The applicant's additional data shows that it's not within riverfront area. In order to meet BoH requirements, it might be necessary to situate the construction closer to the 25' buffer or parking lot. Thomas shared a plan of the project to show where he had placed flags.

Motion to continue to the 5/8/23 mtg.		Aye		Abstain	Nay
1. Pearson	<i>carries unanimously</i>	Kadish	O'Reilly	0	0
2. Fernandes		Fernandes	Pearson		

### B. DEP# 250-1113 NOI - 0 East Hodges – Jack Quattrocchi

(Map 36, Parcel 2-0)

*The applicant proposes to construct a single-family house, barn, pool, and stormwater management infrastructure within 100't buffer zone the BVW, with the proposed barn situated within 200' of the riverfront.*

*(Continued from 9/26/2022 for 11 meetings)*

Mitch Maslanka of Goddard Consulting gave an overview similar to that of his last presentation. The applicant planned to significantly reduce wetland impacts to keep construction mostly out of the 25' buffer zone. No wetland crossings were now to be done. A swimming pool and yard space were removed from previous plans; and a proposed house, barn, and septic leaching field (where there are now approved test pits) remain. A StormTech system is being put on the back side of the house. The applicant's engineer is putting in a swale in the lower part of the development to prevent drainage. There would be a retaining wall to reduce impact near the 25' BZ. Kadish expressed approval that the



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pool is now gone. Questions? Thomas: Is all the stormwater stuff away from the wetlands. Maslanka: Yes. Thomas: Has the road been approved by fire and safety [i.e., the Norton Fire Department]. Maslanka: I don't know; I didn't know we had to check with them on that. Thomas: How far back is the septic system set? Maslanka: 50' from the BZ. Test pits 1–4 are shown on the plan. Thomas: Are the test pits all recent? Maslanka: Yes, they are from the past 2 years. Thomas: We aren't the BoH, but you will need their approval for the project to move forward. Thomas: What about off-drainage from the road? Maslanka: We're pitching it into our site. Thomas: Should we have that shown with elevations to confirm it? Maslanka mentioned 95' and 96' proposed contours. Do you want directional arrows? Thomas: There have been concerns from the neighbors about sheet flow. It would help to show that the project goes from a lower to a higher elevation. Questions? Fernandes: Was the total disturbed land close to an acre, 100ft<sup>2</sup> difference? Now it's down to 42.5ft<sup>2</sup>? You've got a 1000ft<sup>2</sup> tolerance? Maslanka: Yes. We have more room to work with than we had in our previous plan. Kadish: Are there any questions from members of the audience?

Chris Polk: This is the applicant's "third swing at the bat," and the house and septic system have changed places in the plans. When the applicant tested the septic system, the hole swamped. And the house needed to be moved back. When they dug the hole, everything that came out appeared to be hydric soils. Polk has never seen the results of the testing. At what elevation will the foundation be? Is it going to be put in or on top of the ground? Maslanka: It should be going one foot into the ground. Kadish: So, there is no basement. This is basically a slab? A foundation one foot into the ground won't resist the frost. I assume the foundation goes 4' in the ground or is it floating on a slab? Maslanka: Nick the Engineer said that we have to cut down a foot into the existing grade and then fill. Right now we're at elevation 90', and it will eventually be raised up to 95'. You'll walk out onto elevation 95'. Kadish: To clarify, this is outside the WPA and more the jurisdiction of the Building Inspector. Thomas: All the work occurring is within the NCC's jurisdiction, but the project needs to be approved by other boards. Kadish: If you're going one foot into the ground at 90', and then fill up 4', it sounds like you will then have the frost protection necessary for the foundation. Regarding the leaching field, this is also a system raised above where the groundwater was found? Maslanka: Yes, we have appropriate separation between the groundwater and the bottom of the leaching field. Kadish: Chris, does that answer your question?

Polk: This area doesn't absorb water. Water flows across the surface. It goes behind my house, continuing on the Norton side into a stream, and then into a culvert. Changing the culvert won't do anything: The whole 950-acre watershed area drains into a dammed pond. Rain puts the road underwater. The area is generally always wet. Examining the site plan, Polk pointed out that while the stream ends at the wetland, its "defining banks [are] almost to the corner of the house." Water comes right out of the left corner [of the property] and flows away. Where will that water go if you change the elevation through this project? Kadish: Is this what you've seen, John? Thomas: This was confirmed before my tenure. There is an active ANRAD for this site and because the Commission has already decided on it, I don't feel that I can comment further on its validity. Thomas: Wetlands can change in



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three years. Other events may have transpired at this site. Could there have been some previous errors? Yes. Polk: If an error has been (unintentionally) made, is there any way to correct it? If it weren't for COVID, everything would be re-delineated now. Chess pieces. Kadish: In all fairness, an applicant has responded to questions raised. This is normal procedure. We're working within the confines of the existing WPA. Perhaps the Planning Board has other options, but we have to work within the Act. Polk, referring to the WPA in front of him asked, Where is the place that says the you [the NCC] are required to approve anything? He cannot find the verbiage that says the NCC *shall* or *must* approve, only that it *may* approve [projects]. Kadish: There is an appeal process, wherein the EPA is "the next level." Unless the EPA says that the NCC's ruling is inconsistent with the WPA, we cannot arbitrarily decide to overturn a ruling and have it mean anything. Polk: I don't feel that enough investigation to determine the ruling has been done. The "material" for this project should have already expired. It is being allowed because of COVID. With the water already on site, precipitation raises the water to 2' above the road. The applicant is still reducing the surface area. Where will the water go from the road being built? Maybe there should be more testing. Thomas: When they come before the Town (BoH) to get approval for the septic system, they will have to have updated soil information and potentially do more testing. Mitch, was that area in that corner investigated by your team? Maslanka: The ORAD was done before I came onto the project. Thomas: Does a resource area, bank, or stream that lies upstream for another fall under WPA jurisdiction? Maslanka: We just have to go with what the previous NCC and scientists thought. Thomas: The delineation/stats are still valid. Thomas expressed willingness to go back out and check the site but would also like to see other elevations for the road to ensure that Mr. Polk's property is unaffected by the project. Maslanka: I think it's clear that we're pitching the elevations down toward the wetland. We have a 95'-contour descending towards the wetlands. Thomas: Is the Commission comfortable with that? Polk: You're putting in a swale and changing the elevation by 5': How many gallons per minute are going to go into the swale in a storm. Maslanka: One-foot swale, but I don't know. Nick (the Engineer) sized it so that whatever drainage is coming from the house area will go into the swale and curve down toward [the middle of the left side of the site]. Thomas: What's the depth of the groundwater at this [that] location? Maslanka: It's not on the plan. Polk: A test pit filled to 24". Thomas: Regarding stormwater devices, I advise you look to other options—e.g., rain gardens, something surficial or "nature-based"—to make the project more water-absorbent. Polk: Has anyone from the Commission gone to the site [i.e., recently]? The engineer apparently hasn't gone to the site recently and is going by somebody else's data. Trying to do something for the wetlands. Kadish: The WPA is very complicated and protects not just wetlands but also the public water supply. These plans are stamped by engineers whom we trust. Polk: But a person can see stream banks from my property. Kadish: There are stream banks illustrated on the plans. Polk: "Not to where the house is." Kadish: So you're saying the stream is much closer to your [Polk's] property line? Kadish: Mitch [Maslanka], is there something you can do about this on the plan? Maybe you could add something to the plan...delineating where the streambank and water are? Maslanka: I'm confident in the plans as they exist. Polk: I would like to meet Mr. Maslanka at the property to discuss the matter. Thomas: Mitch, to confirm, there is no



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difference between the figures on this plan and the ORAD? Maslanka: Correct. Thomas: And nothing has been manipulated by CAD? Maslanka: Correct: nothing.

Fernandes: We don't have any recourse to debate the line of the wetland (based on a preexistent ORAD), do we? Thomas: We do not unless they apply to renew their ORAD—then we could discuss it. Kadish: Nor do we now have any data to suggest that the information is inaccurate. Kadish: Is there an appeal process? The EPA could be involved.

Thomas: It's unclear what the seasonal groundwater table is like for this site. Does the Commission feel that the StormTech system will be sufficient or will it flood? Maslanka: The bottom of the StormTech chambers will be at 91.5' elevation. A couple feet of fill will be added on top of existing grade. Thomas: So, there will be 3 feet of separation? Maslanka: Yes, approximately. Polk: How much water does that hold? Maslanka: I don't know. Thomas: Enough to service the house. There are instances where every property could be flooded. Polk expressed concern about rising water having "a snowball effect." Kadish: But the water would go in the direction of the wetlands and not your property. Polk: Well, if it's sheeting off the house and the gutters are full... Thomas: The gutters will all go toward that Cultec system. Kadish (reiterating): We can't make an arbitrary statement and go outside the WPA. We're not dealing with the question of whether people should be building a house in this spot. Polk reiterated.

Thomas: Mitch, would you like to answer that? Maslanka: Under the WPA, single-family homes are not required to present a stormwater mitigation plan. In Norton, a plan need only be submitted upon reaching a certain threshold. We have taken your concerns into consideration.... Thomas: They have met stormwater regulations. If the applicant had exceeded the 1000ft<sup>2</sup> threshold, a drainage analysis would have been required anyway. For time's sake, it's in the applicant's best interest to limit the work to under an acre. I think the design as it has now been presented looks better, has fewer wetland impacts, and indicates that the applicant has a good sense of what the next item on their agenda is. This project may already meet all WPA standards, but that's up to the Commission. Polk reiterated. Thomas: Even if there is an upgradient stream which flows to a resource area, it needs to border on or be downgradient of a resource area to fall under WPA jurisdiction. If it exceeds an acre, it might fall under ACE jurisdiction. But they have been trying to keep this under an acre. Polk reiterated. The stream starts at the back rear corner of the house. Polk: If the applicant buries that stream, where will the water go? Kadish: When you have groundwater and it rains, the rains soaks through the ground until it reaches groundwater and the water goes downgradient until it reaches wetland, so there won't be any change in that (as demonstrated by the test pit dug there). I don't think anything will change when the house comes in. Mitch, do you concur? Maslanka: Yes. Polk reiterated further. Kadish: The flow indicates the water moving from right to left and the ground water is moving in the same direction as the surface water. Polk: Yes, right to left [east to west] on the plan. You're putting the stream under 5' of gravel. Kadish: But that doesn't change the flow of the water. Polk: "I'll agree to disagree."



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Polk: What's the next step [in this process]? Kadish: You can appeal to the DEP. Polk reiterated. Kadish reiterated. Thomas: Mitch, has this rendition gone to DEP? Maslanka: Not yet. Thomas: Suggested to the Commission to refrain from closing if the DEP hadn't seen this most updated version. Maslanka said that they don't necessarily put comments in every time a new plan is submitted and then elaborated on the appeal process. Thomas: Yes, but my point is that if Mr. Polk desires to appeal, DEP doesn't have the latest plans? Maslanka elaborated further. Polk: Do I have a right to appeal? Thomas: As the Commission hasn't decided, there is no need to appeal. Polk: How much time do I have to appeal? Kadish: Ten days after the issuance of the OOC. Thomas: Usually the applicant sends in the plans, but I will be happy to do so personally. Polk: And it's understood that this entire area is to be shifted back towards the applicant's property? How much higher is the proposed driveway from elevation. Maslanka: There's a similar grade, being raised from 94'-96'—just enough to ensure that it's pitched. Polk: Will it be flowing right to left? Maslanka: Yes. Kadish: Chris, how old is your site? Polk: 1953. Kadish: Do you think the site was filled in '53? Polk: [Something.] Kadish: It sounds like there's not much risk of water going onto property. Polk reiterated. Kadish reiterated. Thomas: Reiterated that the with the changes to the project, site visits and other evaluations (wildlife, etc.) would not be needed. Other boards might need to give their approval, but that's not the NCC's concern.

Polk: Is there a time limit? Thomas: Yes, if, for instance, an OOC is issued, the applicant has a three-year window to complete the project and get a COC. Polk: If they wait two years and the wetlands delineation expires, what happens? Thomas: If the permit requires a major change, the applicant would have to refile; if only a minor change, not. Polk: COVID.... Where's the snow going to go? Maslanka: Several areas: along the driveway, next to the barn, between driveway and septic system, etc. Thomas: We ask that those areas be well-defined in the OOC. Minor adjustments can be made. Kadish: Has enough information has been submitted. Thomas: Yes, except for the snow, which can be included later.

Motion to close the public hearing		Aye		Abstain	Nay
1. Fernandes	<i>carries unanimously</i>	Kadish	O'Reilly	0	0
2. Pearson		Fernandes	Pearson		

#### C. DEP# 250-1124

#### NOI - 301 S. Worcester Street – David Godfrey

(Map 31, Parcel 36)

#### REQUEST CONTINUANCE UNTIL 5/8

*The applicant proposes to construct five single-family dwellings with associated driveway, and stormwater management features within buffer zone to BVW and riverfront. A stream crossing is also proposed to facilitate upland areas of the site.*

*(Continued from 3/27/2023 2 for meetings)*

Motion to continue until the 5/8/23 mtg.		Aye	Abstain	Nay
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1. O'Reilly	<i>carries unanimously</i>	Kadish	O'Reilly	0	0
2. Pearson		Fernandes	Pearson		

#### D. DEP# 250-XXXX

#### NOI -192 Taunton Ave – Kevin Lobisser

(Map 28, Parcel 29)

*The applicant proposes to construct two duplex structures, a septic system, a common driveway and stormwater structures."*

*(Continued from 4/8/23 for 1 meeting)*

Peter M. Lavoie, a project engineer at D&L Design Group of Milford, MA gave a presentation on behalf of the applicant, Lobisser Construction of Hopedale, MA. There are 4 buildable lots in one parcel. While there are roughly 24 acres to the parcel, the applicant is only working in 2.5 on Taunton Ave close to Woodward Road. The spot has been worked on: There are Cart paths, disturbed area. Wetland lines were flagged by Goddard Consulting on the north, west, and east of the property. Two vernal pools have been added to the plans: "Vernal Pool A" and "Vernal Pool B." Both are on the adjacent LPS lot to the west. Lots 3 & 4 of 4 fall within the 100' BZ—it bisects Lot 4. The applicant proposes a paved, 20'-wide drive. A highpoint divides flow of runoff between a point a few feet from southern entrance which in one direction will flow back toward Old Taunton Avenue and in the other northward back into the site. There will be a swale to the east of the drive. The plot features a low point at the intersection of three main driveways. A catch basin will catch what the swale doesn't. Basin will discharge into a settling pond to serve as another preventative measure. All septic systems would be outside the 100-ft buffer. Water loop. The common drive minimizes the parcel's impervious area. Each unit will have a "recharge." The parcel is on "A soil"; very sandy material. In tests, the (very good) soil would not hold water. The Planning Board granted the applicant a special permit based on their agreeing to give 14.8 acres of the remaining site to the Norton LPS. Kadish: Would the site use a detention or a retention basin? Lavoie: An infiltration basin is planned because of the existing high infiltration rate of the soils. The BoH witnessed all the testing (in January?). Kadish: What kind of storm will cause overflow into the spillway? Lavoie: A 100-year storm. There is infiltration in the individual duplexes as well from the shared basin. Thomas: Did you get the special permit approved? Lavoie: Yes. Thomas: They didn't ask for a stormwater plan? Lavoie: No. Thomas: This will have to go through peer review. I will resend the proposal of a peer reviewer to you. (Thomas asked to see the first duplex—#3.) Thomas: I have no issues with the reflagging Scott Goddard did. And he mapped potential VP A. Are there any plans to do an evaluation of the vernal pools: Standard 6 mandates that you can't have *any* stormwater management features within 100' of a VP? Regarding the large system that eventually drains to the west, is that not within 50' of wetlands? Lavoie: Yes, but that's just the discharge point. I could have put a pipe there but didn't want a shallow, concentrated flow there. Thomas: Be prepared to justify it to the peer reviewer as such. Everything seems to be in order regarding the delineation, though I can't comment on the drainage calcs. But there seems to be low environmental impact. Lavoie: I have an O&M plan for the site's basins



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and swales, which would be taken care of through a homeowners' association, not the Town, which will be part of the stormwater analysis. Thomas: When you come in for the other lots, it looks you'll need to fill out additional applications for other lots that are with WPA jurisdiction. I will probably separate Lots 1&2 from [3&4]. Lavoie made some other changes to comply with the WPA and spoke with Scott Goddard regarding vernal pools. Scott Goddard: Even though they don't really apply, we've tried to treat those setbacks as if they were certified vernal pools. Thomas: What remains is the peer review and contacting the DEP for a number. We recommend that you contact them. Lavoie: Whom do you suggest as a reviewer? I usually use Pat Brennan.

Motion to continue until the 5/8/23 mtg.

1. Pearson
2. O'Reilly

*carries unanimously*

Aye

Kadish O'Reilly  
Fernandes Pearson

Abstain

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Nay

0

### III. SIGN AND ISSUE ORDER OF CONDITIONS/ORDER OF RESOURCE AREA DELINEATION

DEP# 250-1125

NOI - 237 Mansfield Ave – MA DFW

*The applicant proposes to regrade and resurface the existing gravel kayak launch and construct of a bituminous concrete staging area to improve public paddle craft access to Norton Reservoir.*

237 Mansfield Avenue (Kayak site) Thomas: Would anyone like to alter the conditions? At present they are "boilerplate." Fernandes: Were we able to find a happy medium regarding where David Lennon could store his equipment, etc.? Thomas: Yes.

Motion to accept the draft OOC

1. O'Reilly
2. Pearson

*carries unanimously*

Aye

Kadish O'Reilly  
Fernandes Pearson

Abstain

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Nay

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### IV. REVIEW DRAFT MINUTES

Motion to table the 4/10/23 minutes

1. Pearson
2. Fernandes

*carries unanimously*

Aye

Kadish O'Reilly  
Fernandes Pearson

Abstain

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Nay

0

### V. OLD BUSINESS/ NEW BUSINESS

- Report from Staff



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Thomas: We had a very successful Earth Day event at Edith Read. There was a nice scavenger hunt for kids. I attended a nice YMCA Earth Day event on Saturday. Norton FD had a fire truck there. Nice day. Earth day.

Pearson advocated for either getting the agenda in MS Word or having the Town pay for Adobe.

**Adjournment at: 8:33 PM**

#### **VII. PUBLIC REMOTE PARTICIPATION PROCEDURE**

For this meeting, members of the public who wish to participate in the meeting may do so in the following manner:

1. To participate in the meeting, we recommend downloading the zoom app  before the meeting. (This may not be necessary because you can click the link below but we have found that this makes logging in to the meeting easier.)
2. **Join the Zoom Meeting at 6:30pm.** Using your computer or smart phone go the Zoom app and click "join a meeting" or click on:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88124178383?pwd=VTJjc003aDJHL0NEZDhVTFFvOXN5dz09>

When prompted enter **Meeting ID:** 881 2417 8383 **Passcode:** 357264. Phone: 1-646-558-8656

- The site can be a little tricky so if it doesn't work the first time, try again. Try copying and pasting the link into a google chrome browser if internet explorer or another browser doesn't work for you.
  - Using "connecting to video and audio through the computer" has been the easiest method. Please make sure your computer's video/audio is on.
  - If you cannot hear, you may need to phone in by calling 1-646-558-8656, same meeting ID and password as above. If it asks for a participant id you can just hit #. Please put your phone on mute until the Chairman asks for your comments.
  - Everyone will be placed on mute at the beginning of the meeting as you sign in but you should be able to hear. We will unmute you when we reach the public question and answer portion of our meeting.
3. If, for some reason, neither option is working for you, you can email the Conservation Commission at [conservation@nortonmaus.com](mailto:conservation@nortonmaus.com) to ask your questions. We will read your email address, name and comments into the public record.
  4. The standard procedure for a public hearing is a presentation by the applicant's representative, questions and comments by the Conservation Commission and Director, then opening questions and comments to the abutters. Please be patient and wait for your turn to participate.



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5. If there are no additional questions by the Conservation Commission or Director, the hearing would typically close; however, to ensure adequate opportunity for public participation, those specific hearings will be continued until the next meeting. This will be announced. You will have until the next meeting to provide your comments and questions before the Commission closes the hearing and makes a decision.

**Respectfully Submitted by:** Daniel Pearson

**Minutes approved by commission on:** 5/22/23

**Conservation Commission Signature:**