

## **Egremont Conservation Commission**

Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 26, 2023, 5:30 p.m. **Hybrid/ Zoom Meeting**

Call to order 5:30 pm

Mandate from State on identifying Commission members present.

David Seligman, Chair

Bill Tynan, Associate Member

Alexis Wreden, Secretary

Patrick Riordan, Media

Joyce Frater, Member

Jeff Nathan, Member

Guests:

Jose Alminana, Andropogon Associates for 50 Prospect Lake Road

Hannah Barefoot, Andropogon Associates for 50 Prospect Lake Road

Al Thorpe, Accord Engineering, 50 Prospect Lake Road, 24 Lakeside Drive

Ian Rausch, Allander Construction, Owner 50 Prospect Lake Road

Neil Fox, Ellen Dudley, 190 Baldwin Hill Road for French Park Pickleball Court

George McGurn, Egremont Select Board Chair

Lucinda Vermeulen, Egremont Select Board Vice Chair

Mary McGurn, Egremont Resident

Shannon Poulin, Clerk

Approval of the minutes of previous meeting. Minutes Approved as distributed.

### **Public Hearings:**

#### **OPEN: 5:35 PM**

**RDA**, 50 Prospect Lake Road re: Improvements to the Prospect Lake Campground. Continued from 1/12. Project Presentation by Jose Alminana and Hannah Barefoot. Project to include area around the Cliff House which requires improvements including cladding, work on docks include repair of existing piers, replacement of faulty decking and planting with native plants on banks. (Note: Will that invoke Chapter 91)

**RDA approved with -3 conditions.** They are: 1. Placement of erosion controls 2. Actions that affect the Buffer Zone will require an NOI. 3. Site Visits to inspect erosion controls

#### **CLOSED: 6:09 PM**

**Projects New & Old:**

Enforcement Order, Weiner/Cohen 9 Shun Toll Rd. Initial Cease and Desist Order held over for further discussion. Site visit report. Site visit revealed wood chips by streambanks, large trees removed within buffer zone and other serious violations. Discussion to consider Enforcement Order and conditions . Order approved and signed by Commission Members.

Ellen Dudley, Neil Fox re: pickle ball court. Commission determined we are outside our Jurisdiction in this matter and recommend further conversation with the Egremont Selectboard.

24 Lakeside Drive. Awaiting property merger. Issue OoC

**Communications:**

Peter Barrett re: brush cutting. Discussion regarding best practices on stream bank invasive removal including appropriateness of forestry mowers on stream banks, should Commission Members Be present during steam bank vegetation removal, should desired natives be flagged prior to commencement of work, should stream bank itself be flagged and off limits to all large machinery. Topic to be continued for further discussion.

**Administrative:**

OSRP Update: Brilliant workshop with great input from Community.  
Forest Stewardship Plan for the Town of Egremont. Patrick Riordan to monitor invasive Controls during the process of razing of the building.

Next regularly scheduled Commission meetings: February 9; February 23.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

7:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis  
Alexis Wreden, Secretary