

TOWN OF OTIS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

3/18/2025 MEETING MINUTES

Location: Otis Town Hall, One North Main Road, Otis – Zoom Meeting

Conservation Commission Members present: Dave Sarnacki, Chris Chaffee, Jeff Laramy, Bruce Wall (Phone)

Conservation Commission Members absent: Roger Meyer, Jennifer Rivers Cole, Domenic Battista

Opening items/Introduction of Commission members and staff. Dave opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and noted that the meeting is being recorded. Dave introduced the members of the commission, and asked everyone to turn off/down their cell phones for the duration of the meeting. The deadline for applications for the April 15th, 2025 @ 6:00 PM meeting is on Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025 by 3:00PM. The next office hours, for the April 15th, 2025 meeting, is on Wednesday April 2nd, 2025 by 3:00PM.

Minutes: Dave made a motion to approve minutes from the February 18th, 2025 meeting; CC 2nd the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the February 18th 2025 meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing – RDA – Submitted by Brett Stevens, 22 Oak Ln., map16B lot 13, regarding the replacement of existing dock with a new dock, all within the buffer zone of Otis Reservoir, after discussion between the property owner and the commission in regards to the application Dave informed the property owner that they need to file a chapter 91 with the state and file an NOI for next month's meeting.

Public Hearing – NOI – Submitted by Peter Pappas, 0 Brookman Dr., map 18C lot 57, regarding the construction and maintenance of a wooden dock over the water, all within the BZ of Otis Reservoir. This application has been withdrawn without prejudice.

Public Hearing – RDA – Follow up from February's meeting. Submitted by Marc Bergeron, 81 Vine St., map 16C lot 21, regarding the installation of docks & boat lift, all within the BZ of Otis Reservoir. After discussion between the commissions in regards to the application Dave made a motion of a -3 determination with standard conditions. JL 2nd the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to issue a -3 determination.

OTHER TOPICS NOT ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR:

Property owner on Brookman Drive asked if the NOI submitted by Peter Pappas could be resubmitted in the future. Dave informed her it could be resubmitted because it was withdrawn without prejudice.

Derek Poirier with the Highway Department asked about a EO for Hal Kobrin for a level device for a dam in his personal pond. Dave informed Derek the EO was denied because the proper steps were not taken in order for it to be considered an EO. The commission requested that an NOI be submitted by the engineer and NOI was never submitted. Derek informed us that the dam gave out and caused major issues to the road. The town had to install emergency culvert replacements because of the issues.

Dave made a motion to adjourn at 6:20, JL second the motion.