

Newbury Conservation Commission - Public Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2022

Members Present:

- ☒ Brian Colleran (Chair) (arrived late)
- ☒ Benjamin Gahagan (Co-Chair)
- ☐ Peter Paicos (Planning Board Liaison)
- ☐ Mary Rimmer
- ☒ Brad Duffin
- ☒ Dan Streeter
- ☒ Frank Wetenkamp
- ☒ Samantha Holt (Agent)

7:03 p.m. Meeting Called to Order

- Opening remarks from Commission Chair Brian Colleran

PUBLIC MEETING

- Exhibits: Open Meeting Law training PowerPoint, proposed amended Town of Newbury Wetlands By-Law Chapter 95

Samantha Holt provided a brief update to training opportunities through the Massachusetts Association for Conservation Commissions, as well as training opportunities she has proposed to include in the FY2032 budget such as the Wetlands Professional in Training and Certified Floodplain Manager certifications. Town Counsel Attorney Lisa Mead (Mead, Talerman & Costa, LLC) introduced herself and gave a brief overview of the agenda. Atty Mead began with an Open Meeting Law (M.G.L. c. 30A s. 18-25 & 940 CMR 29.00) training session. She covered topics including OML administration, important definitions, meeting notices and alternative notice posting, conducting meetings, remote participation outside of COVID emergency orders, emails, executive session, meeting minutes, OML complaints and enforcement, and advisory opinions. Atty Mead then went on to answer questions sent to her prior to the meeting regarding both Open Meeting Law and the proposed by-law amendments. Atty Mead also offered guidance on the proposed by-law amendments including adjustment of some language and the suggestion to prepare a draft of the regulations that will be associated with the new by-law to be presented when it goes to the Town Meeting. Commission members engaged in discussion regarding the proposed by-law amendments with Atty Mead, receiving guidance on the process and procedures as well as improvements to be made.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Holt, Conservation Agent