

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2021 6:30 P.M.**

The Conservation Commission met remotely by video conference call on Tuesday February 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. for the purposes of holding a regular meeting on the following matters.

Town of Berlin invited the public to join this WebEx meeting by video or phone dial-in.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Michael Delorenzo, Chairman, Guy Hoffman, Vice Chairman, Thomas Heisler, Karl Lewis, Carol Goldberger, Joe Mazza, Rob Ramsey, Karen Pagliaro Alternate, Mary Kathryn Larose, Alternate

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**STAFF LIAISON**

Maureen Giusti

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Delorenzo called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

I. Chair Hoffman made motion to move MTB race to first item for discussion after election of officers, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, passed unanimously.

II. Commissioner Lewis Made a motion to removed the Site Plan Amendment, Doug Rankin / A Missing Link, LLC and adding Proposed Text Zoning Amendment Attorney Tim Sullivan Amend Berlin Zoning Regulations – new section VI.G.3.ee Gasoline Filling Stations and Site Plan Amendment, Estates of Berlin, LLC for Phase 5 of Estates of Berlin, 107 Beckley Road seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, passed unanimously.

**AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS**

Brian Wolfe

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Ramsey moved to approve the January 12, 2021 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Heisler, passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

I. Vice Chairman Hoffman made a motion to add Election of Officers to the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Hoffman made a motion to nominate Michael Delorenzo as Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Mazza, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ramsey made a motion to nominate Guy Hoffman as Vice Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Heisler passed unanimously.

II. MTB Race at Hatchery Brook – Brian Wolfe reported that the race will take place Sunday June 6, 2020 8:00 am to -3:00 pm with a set up time at 6:00 am. There will be about 75 participants. Parking will be on Linden and Summit Wood Drive. They will notify residents. The course map is similar to the last race. Commissioner Lewis stated that the group did a great last job at the last race. Vice Chairman Hoffman reported that there are a couple spots on the course that could get messy if there is rain. The group has a done a good job fixing these areas up in the past. The only foreseen issue is if the town

Covid-19 restrictions. The police will need to be involved in the race as well as parking. The group will cancel if there is more than an inch of rain per their own guidelines. Mr. Wolfe also would like to walk the course with a commission member with social distancing prior to the race. The group would also be dropping off Porto Potty's the Friday prior and being picked up the Monday after the race with social distancing guidelines. The group will be posting signs on all ends of the race areas.

Vice Chairman Hoffman made a motion to support the MTB race at Hatchery Brook with Town Council Covid-19 guidelines seconded by Commissioner Lewis, passes unanimously.

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### III. Site Plan Amendment

Murphy Road Recycling – 36,900 s.f. building addition –  
655 Christian Lane  
February 18, 2021  
No Comment

### IV. Proposed Text Zoning Amendment

Attorney Tim Sullivan  
Amend Berlin Zoning Regulations – new section VI.G.3.ee Gasoline Filling Stations

Commissioner Ramsey made a motion to make the comment:

The Conservation Commission is mindful of the need of economic development but also supports the original zoning regulations. Changes to these regulations can adversely effect the environment. This comments was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and passed unanimously.

### V. Site Plan Amendment

Estates of Berlin, LLC for Phase 5 of Estates of Berlin,  
107 Beckley Road

The Commission would like to protect the anethetics of the Beckley Road Town Open Space Conservation Land. They would like to be ensured that vigorous erosion measures are put into place until the area is stable and protected against encroachment onto town property.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Community Garden – Bill Jackson has agreed to be the garden liaison again this year. The applications are ready to go out to gardeners who have expressed interest in garden plots. In the past upbeat has filled any empty plots.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Mazza made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm, seconded by Commissioner Heisler passed unanimously.

Sincerely,

Marlo Thomas Matassa  
The Recording Secretary