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**Minutes**  
**Wednesday**  
**August 22, 2018**  
**6:00 PM**

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**Justin Morgan Auditorium**

A video of this meeting is available online at

<https://livestream.com/accounts/5714082/events/6341212/videos/179254426>

**Members present:** Chairperson Kevin Cote, Virginia Danforth, Maryellen Hammond, Daniel Hannoush

**Members excused:** Melissa Hensen, Adam Jabber and Deena Maniscalchi

**Others present:** Mark Noonan, Conservation Agent

Chairman Kevin Cote opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. He thanked everyone for attending and in accordance with MGL Ch. 30A, read the standard procedures for those intending to record meetings, the receiving of information by the Board, and documentation kept by the Board.

Commission members and staff introduced themselves for the general public.

### **Agenda**

Motion made to accept the agenda by Hammond, second by Hannoush. AIF

### **Public Participation:**

Kevin asked if there were any items not on the agenda raised by the public. There were not.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Mark Noonan stated the minutes are still under his review and are not ready at this time.

### **Request for Determination:**

**83 Sibley Ave., driveway widening, tree cutting, shed installation and landscaping.**

Noonan stated the resident has been very cooperative.

Isaac Santana Jr., owner, took the podium. He moved here last October. His intention was to improve his property. He hired a tree service to cut down several seemingly unsafe trees, and a contractor to widen and improve his driveway. He was unaware of the rules and regulations regarding both of these issues.

He has purchased a shed and is waiting for the location to be approved prior to installation.

Hammond asked how many trees will be cut. Santana said he has already had 4 taken down. One other dead tree is still standing. The four were in the fenced in area and the one remaining tree is along the back wall of the fence near the water. A printout of the property indicating the locations of the trees and proposed location of the shed was reviewed by the committee members.

Noonan was most concerned with the low areas just off the road parallel to the driveway. But the backyard to the water is on an uphill slope. Is 25' reasonable from the edge of the brook? Santana said the driveway is not near the slope and is only being widened by 6-8". Contractor will not be filling any areas. He will remove current concrete, treat the soil so it will not settle, add gravel and then pave over it all. Palmer Paving will be doing the work.

Cote and Noonan agreed the driveway is not much of a concern. Has an existing corrugated pipe for roadway drainage.

Noonan does not want to do much near the lower area near the brook.

Santana will put the shed at the top of the hill which will be much greater than 25' from the brook.

Cote agreed that a determination of negative three with conditions as written was reasonable. Hannoush made a motion to accept, Hammond seconded. AIF

**Other Business:**

Chairman Cote mentioned there were delinquent signatures.

Noonan showed the Commissioners photos of an oil slick on the Connecticut river, which just happened earlier today, and he is still investigating.

Noonan is also investigating a possible violation on Althea St. and should have more information at the next meeting.

Chairperson Cote congratulated Noonan and Hannoush on their recent weddings and wished them each many years of marital bliss. He asked if there was any other business. There was not. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Darleen Dubiel