



PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2022

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Location and Time: Remote Meeting via Zoom, no in-person meeting was conducted and public access was through Zoom only, 7:02pm-8:51pm

7:03 PM Meeting opened

Attendance:

Commissioners:, Lenny Anderson, Chairman, Mike Voorhis, Vice Chairman; Bob Ferguson, Commissioner; Jim Robert, Commissioner, James Lacasse, Commissioner; Holly Robert, Assoc. Member

Others present: Mia McDonald, Cons. Agent, Scott Morrison & Kate O'Donnell of EcoTec, Inc., Scott Latour, resident, David Schmidt, Resident, Matt Marro, Consultant.

Chairman Anderson read aloud the remote meeting guidelines.

Minutes of the December meeting were reviewed. DD motioned, MV seconded and by roll call BF, MV, JR, JL, DD & LA voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

Bills:

Payroll \$648.90 for Mia McDonald

MV motioned, JR seconded and by roll call BF, MV, JR, JL, DD & LA voted in favor of paying the bill.

Correspondence received: None

Notice of Intent for 7 Briarcliff Lane (Map 27, Parcels 73,) by David Schmidt, DEP File #257-0337 for replacement of a septic system within the buffer to wetland resource areas. Kate O'Donnell of EcoTec, Inc presented: this project applied for and received an Order of Conditions in 2017 for the same work, but it was never completed and the Order has since expired. The Board of Health has approved the plan again, all work proposed is outside the 50-foot buffer to wetland resource areas, silt fence and bale erosion control barrier is proposed, a small 1' retaining wall is proposed along the rear of the mound. HR asked if there were any special conditions in the last Order. MM checked the previous Order and stated there were no special conditions other than the standard boiler plate for septic replacement. BF asked if permanent markers should be required. MM stated that the lawn and shed encroached on the property to the rear, so markers would have to be within existing lawn or on the abutting property. The Commission agreed markers would not be appropriate for this site.

LA asked for public comment. None was provided.

MV motioned to close the hearing, DD seconded and by roll call JR, BF, MV, JL, DD & LA voted in favor.

JR motioned to issue an Order of Conditions, JL seconded and by roll call JR, BF, MV, JL, DD & LA voted in favor.

Notice of Intent for 13 Holbrook Lane (Map 12, Parcel 31,) by Scott Latour for installation of an inground swimming pool, detached garage and associated site work. Matt Marro presented: no DEP file number issued yet, proposed inground pool and detached garage within buffer to wetland resource areas; site location limited due to septic leach field in the back of the home, boulders existing along the edge of wetlands. LA asked for the exact location of the septic system to be added to the plan to confirm adherence to setbacks, and to remove all proposed structures from the 30-foot buffer as required by the Town of Paxton Wetlands Bylaw. MV asked if the treeline on the plan was correct. HR asked for measurements of the pool and garage be added to the plan, as well as Wetlands Field Data Forms are submitted. HR asked if a walkway was proposed around the pool. Mr. Marro stated the proposed pool location on the plan included a 4-foot wide walkway and that the edge of the work was 18 feet from the wetlands. JL asked how the pool would be drained. Mr. Marro recommended a cartridge filter instead of backwash, or to discharge away from resource areas down the driveway. JL stated there are additional wetland resource areas across from the end of the driveway. The Commission looked at the Town's required setbacks and considered that this zone had a 15-foot side yard setback and possibly a 25-foot setback required for the garage. LA recommended that another location for the pool and garage is found that meets the wetland and zoning setbacks.

LA asked for public comment. David Schmidt of 11 Holbrook Lane stated he had no problem with the project. The Commission asked if the applicant would like to continue to the February meeting to get additional information. Mr. Marro agreed and requested the continuance.

MV made a motion to continue the hearing to the February 10 meeting, DD seconded and by roll call JR, BF, MV, JL, DD & LA voted in favor.

Request for Certificate of Compliance – None

Violation: 12 Nipmuck Road, DEP File #257-0332. MM did not participate in this discussion due to her relation to the applicants. Matthew Marro, environmental consultant, presented a restoration plan for the 25-foot buffer with highbush blueberry bushes, white cedar, and wetland seed mix. The Commission discussed and agreed to accept the plan. MV made a motion to accept the plan, JR seconded and by roll call JR, BF, MV, JL & LA voted in favor. DD had technical difficulties and did not participate in this vote.

Other Business:

Board of Health Plans:

80 Asnebumskit Road – MM emailed Quinn Engineers, an NOI is forthcoming.

85 Davis Hill Road – new SFH with septic, no resource areas observed.

4 Ledyard Road – replacement septic, no resource areas observed.

Building Permits:

68 Suomi Street – MM placed on hold in OpenGov due to needed NOI application.

Sites Visited:

174 Pleasant Street – equipment parked but not erosion controls installed.

143 West Street – Weekly inspection

Transition discussion: the Commission discussed roles they would volunteer to adopt until new staff is hired to replace MM.

JR volunteered to conduct site visits.

MV volunteered to check the mail, compile the agenda and mail out permits.

JL volunteered to write permits and hand off to MV mail.

LA volunteered take over OpenGov permit review and check the outlook email.

BF volunteered to take and post minutes.

MV motioned and JR seconded and LA, BF, JL, DD, JR and MV voted by roll call to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mia McDonald,

Agent for the Conservation Commission

Reference Documents:

*As noted in the minutes, on file with the Paxton Conservation Commission.