



**PAXTON CONSERVATION
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

February 10th, 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, 7:06 pm – 8:32 pm

7:06 PM Meeting opened

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

Others present: Kate O'Donnell of EcoTec, Inc., Art Allen, Engineer; Rodney and Gene Gough, resident; Matt Marro, Consultant; Kevin Quinn, Engineer, Quinn Engineering.

Chairman Anderson read aloud the remote meeting guidelines.

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

Bills: Payroll \$648.90 for Mia McDonald; MV mentioned he would talk to Mia to ensure all payments have been made/distributed correctly
MV motioned, JR seconded and by roll call MV, JR, JL, & LA voted in favor of paying the bill.

Correspondence received: MV received a couple orders/items from the registry, all items were recorded; 711 Pleasant Street plan in the mail for a sewage/septic replacement, Kevin Quinn to explain in more detail further into the meeting, explained 711 Pleasant Street was the Pampered Pet

Public Hearings

Continued Notice of Intent for 13 Holbrook Lane (Map 12, Parcel 31) DEP File

#257-XXXX: 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. MV mentioned that there is no DEP FILE number for this project, Matt Marro – represented the applicant, Matt explaining why there is no DEP File number, DEP said they don't have the correct filing but he said he put everything in and that it is filed, fees are all cleared there is a

glitch in the system; Matt showing the plan, including a 15 foot offset which is meeting the requirements, the pool is being moved and the orientation is different to fit within the 30 foot buffer zone except for a corner of the pool; Matt explains that it is the only way the pool would work with the septic system zone to the left of the proposed pool; Small portion of the pool within the 30 foot buffer zone; garage needed to be 150 feet minimum from the end of the driveway/road, that has been fixed; erosion protection is in the right place; LA said the garage is within the 30 foot buffer zone as well; MV asks what a no build zone means, no building within the 30 foot buffer zone, MV mentioned that the garage is within the 30 foot buffer zone; MV if we allow to build within the no build zone then what does that allow within the town moving forward; JR mentioned that if we allow it to happen this time that we would need to allow it to happen everywhere else following this; Matt mentioned that he could shrink the pool down to a small size to avoid the 30 foot buffer zone, Matt mentioned that there is different zoning regulations for each separate zoning district; JR asked if the house location is impacting the fact that the garage has to be 150 feet from the road; Matt said it is because it is a detached garage; JR said the garage should not be built in the 30 foot buffer zone what so ever;

LA asked for public comment. Rodney and Gene Gough, 14 Holbrook Lane neighbors, worried about the buffer zone no build zone, they just want to make sure it is all built within the correct zoning laws and that there is no run off going into their property; Gene worried about the effects of the pond in between their properties; Matt Marro mentioned the plan and illustrated how the plan would not effect run off at all. JR asked Matt if he is looking for a continuance; Matt replied that he would like for this to be continued.

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

Notice of Intent for 80 Asnebumskit Road (Map xx, Parcel XX) DEP File #257-3558

replacement of the septic system and associated work; Kate Odonnell and Art Allen representing the client; Project site is an existing developed property; delineated the wetland adjacent to the site and the stream offsite from the house; replace a failing septic system; located more than 50 feet away from the wetland, located on an existing lawn; straw waddle and silt fence in place; board of health has approved the plan; JR asked where the present system is; Kate said under the deck; JR asked where the leach field is; Kate is unsure, Art said it is a cesspool within the area; MV said he is concerned about the distance away from the house; Kevin Quinn says he wants to push the leachfield down/away to let gravity work its way, if it was closer to the house then they would need to pump it away, also due to the well location; no further questions;

JR motioned to close to this meeting; MV seconded it and by roll call JR, MV, JL & LA; JR mentioned a standard order of conditions would be fine; Mia checked the lot out prior to the meeting and approved of everything; MV confirmed that Mia approved of everything and that the wetland delineation can't be confirmed due to the time of year but should not hold the project up; JR motion to approve the OOC, MV seconded and by roll call JR, MV, JL & LA

Request for Certificate of Compliance

7 Briarcliff Road (Map 27, Parcel 73) DEP File #257-0305 (8/9/2017, obsolete) Kevin Quinn representative of the project; explains that the property owner previously did not close the OOC and wants to wipe out the old OOC; JR said he checked out the site today and it looked good, said they put up the silt fence and bales;

LA asked if there is a motion to close the DEP File number/previous OOC; Kevin explained that DEP doesn't want two OOCs per parcel of Land; the commission requests that the project never occurred;

MV motioned to close the OOC, JR seconded and by roll call MV, JR, JL & LA

Informal Discussion

3 Camp Street – Kevin Quinn representing the project; complete site plan; storm water basin is on the side of the hill, the storm water basin is very large and is in proximity to two wetlands; need for a stormwater basin is driven by the towns bylaws; stormwater basin is designed on a hill so it is hard to design; makes construction tough; seek a waiver from the planning board to zone differently with the basin; wanted to show the plans to the commission and seek what their thoughts on it and seek permission to go to the zoning board to allow a waiver; JR asked if it is a bridge on the driveway, Kevin mentioned that there will be box culverts to allow the water to pass; Kevin is asking to be on the March agenda, mentions that they will catching runoff from the driveway with swales on both sides to recharge into the adjacent wetlands, removing sediment and allowing infiltration; JR asked how wide the driveway is, Kevin said it is 12 feet wide; JR asked if the driveway could be located to the right of the wetland; Kevin said they can't put the driveway to the right due to the offset, so they picked the most narrow section of the wetland to create the driveway, mentioned that they will look into moving the driveway to the right of the wetland and will look into the least disruptive way to put the driveway in; MV said they will have to dig into the hillside to move the driveway which wouldn't be too applicable on site; Kevin noted the wetland does not stop where the map is, the map is just a site map of just the property; Kevin's biggest concern is "would the commission allow the waiver from the board of zoning"; storm water from the house will spread out and be absorbed by the area between the wetland and the house, any excess water will make it to the wetland through filtration; driveway water is contained by the swales on both sides – all water will be contained; meeting will occur next month March 10th.

Other Business:

BOH and Building permits:

- Camp road site sent board of health plans
- Two permits came in: LA - 8 Laurel Street wants to put a pool in, no wetlands within 100 feet of the project; 92 Davis Hill Road for a pool installation, no wetlands of 100 feet of the project

Sites visited:

118 West Street – Hasn't started anything
 143 West Street – hasn't started anything
 174 Pleasant Street – hasn't started anything
 13 Holbrook Lane – hasn't started anything, machines still in same position, JR Idea – 13 Holbrook Lane hire an independent consultant to help out with the project plans;
 68 Suomi Street – hasn't started anything
 141 Suomi Street – hasn't started anything
 149 Suomi Street – hasn't started anything
 16 Eagle Lane – nothing happening
 157 Marshall Street – JR going to see it tomorrow (2/11/2022)

Reminder of Upcoming Meeting Dates (confirm quorum):

- Thursday, March 10th
- Thursday, April 14th

Other Business:

LA - annual town meeting warrant is open; MV do we need to request level funding; talked about a budget last meeting, will look over budget confirmed during last meeting

LA - can't look at outlook emails; MV mentioned having someone else look at the email or have them forwarded over to the commission; LA will reach out to town to see if emails can be redirected

LA - interview process for agent position; what the requirement of a public meeting to interview people? Does the entire commission have to be present; could we do it without a full quorum? MV mentioned we could look back to when Mia was hired; HR mentioned that there was just two of them interviewing Mia when she was hired so not all quorum will be need to present;

JR motioned to close the meeting, MV seconded and the roll call MV, JL, JR & LA

Meeting closed 8:32 pm