



PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2020

Approved 3/12/20

Location and Time: John Bauer Senior Center 7:02pm-8:33pm

7:02 PM Meeting opened

Attendance:

Commissioners: Lenny Anderson, Chairman; Mike Voorhis, Vice Chairman; Bob Ferguson, Commissioner; Donmarie Desrosiers, Commissioner.

Absent: Holly Robert, Assoc. Member; Mike Oxford, Commissioner, Jim Robert, Commissioner.

Others present: Mia McDonald, Cons. Agent, Steve Hair, resident, D. Malone, resident, J. Malone, resident, Miles Kimball, resident, Jason Dubois, Lot 14 Marshall St, Azam Mahammad, Lot 14 Marshall St, Rick Grensavitch, Lot 14 Marshall St, Bernie Melican, Lot 14 Marshall St, Scott Siemen, resident, Laura Papandrea, resident.

Minutes January meeting were reviewed. MV made a motion, BF seconded and all voted in favor of approving the minutes.

Bills:

Payroll \$648.90 for November and December.

JR motioned, MV seconded and all voted in favor of paying the bills.

Correspondence:

Expenditure spreadsheet for Commission Accounts from Town
Flier for MassLand Conference
Filer for MA Open Space Conference

Public Hearings:

Notice of Intent for 70 Maple Street

Mr. Krevosky requested the hearing is continued to the March meeting.

MV made a motion, JR seconded and all voted in favor of continuing the hearing to the next meeting of the Commission.

MM noted that the voting commissioners for the March hearing of this application are: MV, MO, JR, BF and DD.

Notice of Intent for Lot 14 Marshall Street

Jason Dubois of DC Engineering & Surveying representing the project. Mr. Dubois submitted the proof of mailing to abutters and signature sheet with owner's signature. He explained the project: single family home proposed within overlapping 100-foot buffers to two separate vegetated wetlands delineated by Goddard Consulting. DEP comments were received and recommended the extension of the siltation fence to fully wrap the site to prevent silt from entering the street. The Commission

discussed the project and requested revised plans showing the erosion control barrier noted as the limit of work, the installation of a gravel construction entrance/tracking pad and a note added that the erosion controls must be inspected prior the start of work. MV requested a PDF of the plans. MV motioned, BF seconded and all voted in favor of closing the hearing.

The Commission discussed the special conditions and required permanent markers (sign on tree) at the location of wetland flags GL12 and GC 6. MV made a motion, DD seconded and all voted in favor of issuing the Order of Conditions for DEP file #257-0325.

Request for Certificate of Compliance 5 Mount View Drive (Map 18, Lot 42), DEP File #257-0320. MM visited the site and confirmed the septic system had been replaced as approved, the site was stable and no violations were observed. BF made a motion, MV seconded and all voted in favor of issuing the Certificate of Compliance.

Duplicate Original: Certificate of Compliance for 50 Davis Hill Road, DEP File #257-062. The Certificate had been issued, but the original was never recorded. MV made a motion, DD seconded and all voted in favor of signing a duplicate original Certificate of Compliance.

Other Business:

Informal Discussion: Moore State Parks conditions and volunteer support

Resident Steve Hair with the Commission that he and other volunteers registered with the Greater Worcester Land Trust. MM reported that she had contacted Robert Grahn of DCR, who connected her to Kevin Hollenbeck of DCR. Mr. Hollenbeck agreed to meet with representatives of the Commission and Steve Hair in March to review the management plan for the park and how volunteers could work with staff on that plan. It was suggested by the Malones to contact Carol Riches and the Board of Selectmen to confirm it would be possible to create a Friends of Moore State Park group and inquire if there would be any conflicts. The Commission agreed and MM will contact the BOS through Carol Riches.

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update:

The Commission reviewed the application to the Small Communities Conservation Grant program. After review, the Commission signed the application and MM will submit as soon as possible. MV made a motion, BF seconded and all voted in favor of signing and submitting the application.

Sites Visited:

Olivia Knoll, Worcester County Memorial Park, Pleasant Street/Fontaine (from Right of Way), Route 31, 5 Mount View Drive, Hemlock St/Lot 14 Marshall Street, 262 Richards Ave (reported possible violation, but shed was located outside 100 foot buffer.)

BOH Plans & Building Permits: 312 Richards Ave, 4 Crocker Hill, West Street (NOI required)

Reminder of Upcoming Meeting Dates (confirm quorum): Thursday, March 12, 2020 (LA can not attend) and April 9, 2020.

The Commissioner discussed the MassLand conference and decided that any commissioner who wishes to attend, the conference fees would be expended from the Conservation Fund to cover/reimburse the cost. MV made a motion, BF seconded and all voted in favor to expend money from the Conservation Fund to cover the conference fee for the MassLand conference.

MV motioned and DD seconded to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mia McDonald,
Agent for the Conservation Commission

Reference Documents:

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