

Paxton Conservation Commission

Minutes of the February 10, 2011 Meeting

Location and Time Paxton Town Hall 7:39 - 8:56 pm

Attendance Commissioners: Chris Keenan (chair), Justin Thackeray (vice-chair), Michael Voorhis, Jim Robert. Commissioners absent: Marisa Ayvazian, Daniel Gehnrich. Associate Commissioner present: Holly Robert. Others present: SHELLY HAMMOND.

Minutes Minutes of the January 13, 2010 meeting were approved without correction.

Public Hearings:

Notice of Intent for work at the Paxton Ponds subdivision off Red Oak Street. The party did not appear, so the hearing was continued once more, to 8:15pm February 10, 2011, on a motion by Robert, seconded by Thackeray. Motion carried.

8:00pm March 10, 2011

Notice of Intent for construction of a new home and septic system at Lot 1, Davis Hill Road. EcoTek wetland-flagged the area in 2006. During a previous field visit at the site commissioners noted that some flags were missing or fallen. The corner of the septic system is approximately 80' from the wetland at its closest. After some discussion the commissioners agreed that the system is in the best location to protect the wetland. The hearing was closed, and motion to issue a standard order of conditions was made by Robert and seconded by Voorhis; the order included the special conditions that all flags within 100' of the project area be in place before work commences; and that the PCC be provided with a copy of the BVW documentation data. Motion carried.

Notice of Intent for construction of a new home and septic system at Lot 2, Davis Hill Road. EcoTek wetland-flagged the area in 2006. In this case the project is around 50' from the wetland at its closest point. The commissioners felt that this is too close for five year-old wetland flagging with some flags now missing, and we will not approve until the wetland flags are all correctly relocated on the site. The hearing was continued to March 10, 2011 at 8pm on a motion by Thackeray, seconded by Robert. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

- A copy of a letter dated Jan 28, 2011 from John Scannell, Regional Director of the Wachusett Watershed (DCR). This is an advisory ruling relating to 7 ½ Pond Street, assessors map 23, lot 6B. The Division of Water Supply Protection has determined the project is prohibited, the project cannot proceed until an application for a variance is filed. Some areas are 0-200ft from a tributary, the proposed driveway is prohibited, and may also be over the impervious surface threshold of 10% of the jurisdictional area or 2500ft².
- A letter from FEMA was received, informing us that the flood insurance rate map has been changed.
- Jim Robert visited 11 Walnut Street, no wetlands concerns were found.
- A copy of Form C dated July 13, 2010 was received, for approval of a definitive plan by Mutual Builders for Paxton Ponds.
- Thackeray, Voorhis, Jim and Holly Robert attended a Paxton ZBA meeting on January 20th, when Ed Marchant (a consultant on 40B housing projects), discussed issues related to 40B developments in general.

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on Thursday, March 10 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Thackeray

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