

PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2015



Location and Time: John Bauer Senior Center 7:30-10:10pm

Attendance: Commissioners: Chris Keenan (Chairman), Michael Voorhis (Vice Chair), Gerry Ryan, Tim Luring, Zach Ferguson (Secretary), Holly Robert (Assoc. Member), Jim Robert (Assoc. Member). Others present: Mia McDonald (Cons. Agent), Kevin Quinn, Quinn Engineering.

Minutes: Minutes of 8/18/15 meeting and 8/27/15 meeting were read and accepted. MV motioned and GR seconded to accept the minutes with no changes.

Bills: MM payroll (TL motioned and MV seconded), Telegram & Gazette Legal Ad (MV motioned and TL seconded), Receivables \$75 in fees.

Correspondence:

1. Request for Extension for Order of Conditions for Highland Village, DEP No. 257-0275 from Quinn Engineering. No work has begun on the site. GR motioned and MV seconded to issue a 3-year extension on the Order of Conditions.

New Business –

Request for Determination of Applicability for 100 Grove Street, Chris Keenan recused himself from this hearing. Kevin Quinn of Quinn Engineering representing Leicester Water Supply District (LWSD). LWSD is proposing to abandon Pierce Spring which consists of a tank on top of a natural spring. The spring shall be replaced with 3 tanks for water storage for nearby well #1. The wetland resource area delineation was completed using GIS mapping and the plan shows tank #3 is approximately 90 feet and tank #2 approximately 50 feet from the bordering vegetated wetlands. No work has been proposed within the resource areas. All three tanks have perimeter drains that drain towards and terminate approximately 30 feet from the resource areas. All piping from well #1 shall be within the existing paved roadway. Haybales and siltation fencing is proposed as an erosion control barrier between the resource area and the work. The proposed tank installation shall require excavation, and some clearing and grubbing in the buffer zone.

HR asked if a stormwater permit would be needed. Mr. Quinn responded that less than 10,000 square feet shall be cleared. Mr. Quinn explained that the resource areas are part of a large wetland series that drains to Kettle Brook Reservoir.

TL requested a formal wetland delineation with flagging to be placed on the plans. MV stated the need for additional information including: delineation, plan showing delineation and stockpiling location, the limit of clearing flagged in the field, and the ECBs are moved along the limit of

clearing. TL suggested, for guidance only, that once the delineation is complete, if there is any clearing proposed within 30 feet of the resource area, the applicant may want to change the application to a Notice of Intent. MV motioned and TL seconded to continue the hearing to the October 8th meeting.

Old Business:

Worcester County Memorial Park – John Farnsworth, representative reviewed the additional information that had been requested of WCMP by the Commission to make the application complete. Mr. Farnsworth stated he is submitting the wetland line and 200-foot Riverfront Area on the plans. He also stated that he would provide: topographical map, aerial photos outlining the limit of disturbance from the 1990s to determine if any wetland areas had been filled, that all illicit discharges are identified and treated, snow storage area outside the buffer zone shown on the plans, wetland data forms with test plots identified on the plans, beaver removal protocols. Mr. Farnsworth also stated that any storm debris that might have been pushed onto another property cannot be part of this permit application; beavers shall be removed by licensed professional, with permit from Board of Health, most likely in November; detail submitted showing grade raised approximately 5 feet with an access road along the back.

CK stated that no heavy equipment shall enter the resource area for the purpose of removing the beaver dams. CK requested a notation on the plan for location of materials/soil outside of buffer and within a bermed area to prevent sediment laden runoff; southerly road has silt from existing piles on the road; silt sacks needed in all catch basins along the road leading to stream; requested that one construction area is chosen and a crushed stone entrance is created.

Mr. Farnsworth requested that ongoing vegetation maintenance is allowed in decorative pond. CK stated the maintenance should be submitted as part of an operation and maintenance plan for the site/pond/catch basin, that follows MA DEP best management practices. JF submitted a draft ongoing maintenance plan.

The Commission discussed the need for a vegetative buffer between the grassed area and the stream; no removal of trees greater than 6" dbh. HR, acting as a member of the public as she had recused herself from this hearing, stated she would like to see property line issues resolved at public hearing; the meeting shall be opened at the October 8th public hearing; applicant shall notify abutters; all information shall be submitted two week prior to the next hearing; fees shall need to be increased to include the Riverfront Area fees.

Other Business:

Local Bylaw: The Commission discussed attempting to pass a local wetland bylaw and regulations at the spring town meeting; requesting support and feedback from other town boards; commissioners shall read and comment on other local regulations. Local boards to contact: Planning Board, Board of Health, Board of Selectmen.

Route 122 Paving: Work does not require a permit, no need to notify.

2016 Schedule: located in Google drive and MV to post on website.

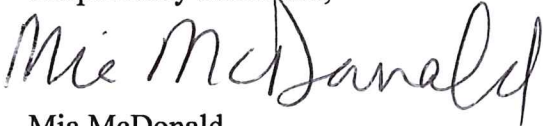
Minutes: Ms. McDonald shall take minutes and shall be paid out the Clerk account. ZF shall assist with minutes at future meetings.

Pleasant Street violation: George Wilson was sent a violation letter to remove brush pile. Mr. Wilson requested permission to burn pile. CK to check on status of pile.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at the White Building.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mia McDonald". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mia" and last name "McDonald" clearly distinguishable.

Mia McDonald

Conservation Agent

Reference Documents:

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

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