



PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2015

Location and Time: Paxton Town Hall 7:30-8:37pm

Attendance: Commissioners: Chris Keenan (Chairman), Gerry Ryan, Michael Voorhis (Secretary), Tim Luring, Zach Ferguson, Absent: Marisa Ayvazian (V-Chair), Holly Robert (Assoc. Member), Jim Robert (Assoc. Member). Others present: Mia McDonald (Cons. Agent).

Minutes: Minutes of 7/16/15 were discussed and accepted.

Bills: CC Agent Salary (16 hours.) and Legal Ad fee from Telegram & Gazette.

Correspondence:

Conservation Works LLC re: Open Space Planning

1. MACC Membership Cards
2. Notice from Land Court re: land on Asnebumskit Road
3. Mass Audubon Flier regarding stormwater workshops
4. Update from Town Accountant
5. Flier from DCR regarding Watershed Protection Act

New Business –

Request for Certificate of Compliance – 180 Marshall Street. CK stated the he believes it was not an Order of Conditions, but a Determination of Applicability. It was requested that Ms. McDonald check minutes to confirm.

Request for Certificate of Compliance – 9 Ashwood Road. Ms. McDonald visited the site, it is stable and vegetated. The Order of Conditions and the Conservation file could be located; therefore it could not be confirmed that the work was completed as permitted. MV motioned and GR seconded and it was unanimously voted to issue the Certificate, but not to release it until it was confirmed that the conditions were met.

Request for Certificate of Compliance – 137 Suomi Street. Ms. McDonald visited the site, it is stable, vegetated, and constructed as permitted. GR motioned and MV seconded and it was unanimously voted to issue the Certificate, but requested not to release it until the additional information outlined in the Order of Conditions is provided.

Reorganization – The Commission discussed reorganization for the following year. Chris Keenan was voted as Chairman, Mike Voorhis as Vice-Chair, and Zach Ferguson as Secretary. MV motioned and GR seconded and it was unanimously voted.

The Fee Scheduled was finalized and shall be posted to the Commission's website.

The Commission voted to appoint Mia McDonald as their Agent for one year. MV motioned and GR seconded and it was unanimously voted.

Stormwater for Town of Paxton – Ms. McDonald stated that in discussions with Mike Putnam, DPW Superintendent, there is a need for assistance with stormwater measures in town. Ms. McDonald met with Mr. Putnam and Carol Riches, Town Administrator, to discuss lack of conservation hours, but availability of receiving technical assistance from RCAP Solutions, Inc. Ms. McDonald is a technical assistance provider for RCAP Solutions and shall be assisting the Town with the attendance at stormwater committee meetings, mapping of outflows and measures to prepare the town for the upcoming permit requirements at no charge to the Town. The Commission discussed and felt that the stormwater work would not coincide with conservation agent responsibilities.

Old Business:

Worcester County Memorial Park – John Farnsworth, representative, plans to attend the meeting on August 27 and bring material needed to complete the Notice of Intent Application. The Commission stated that the Notice of Intent shall not be advertised until the submittal is complete.

Alderwood Road Dumping – An abutters list was obtained from the Assessor and it included approximately 100 neighbors to the site. The Commission stated that a permit is not necessary for the work as it is greater than 50 feet from the resource area and considered restoration. The Commission approved the “No Dumping” sign design and the letter for residents. Ms. McDonald stated that she had confirmed with the Building Inspector that the Commission is exempt from the local sign by-law. The DPW has agreed to hang the signs.

Other Business:

Incomplete Request for Certificate of Compliance received from Lussier Builders for 101 Suomi Street. Contact information was requested.

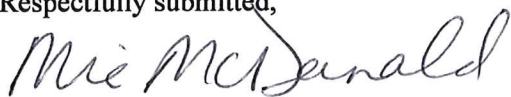
Anonymous call received from a resident of clearing near or possibly within a resource area on Rockland Street. Ms. McDonald visited the site and found the clearing, but could not locate the landowner. A resident at a neighboring house and was stated that the land belonged to the owners of Scudder Tree Service. None of the Commissioners knew of the clearing or knew any contact information for the landowner. Attempt to contact the owner.

The Commission approved the flier for the Trails Informational meeting on September 16 at the White Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 27, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,



Mia McDonald

Conservation Agent

Reference Documents:

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

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