



## **PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**July 16, 2015**

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**Location and Time:** Paxton Town Hall 7:35-9:42pm

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

**Minutes:** Minutes of 6/11/15 were discussed and accepted.

**Bills:** CC Agent Salary (16 hours.) and MACC Dues. MV made a motion and TL seconded, all in favor to pay bills before the Commission.

**Correspondence:** Update from the Town Accountant.

#### **New Business –**

The Commission voted for Mia McDonald, Agent to become designated signor for the Commission. All bills must be reviewed at the following Commission meeting.

#### **Conservation Land:**

Organization of Volunteers – The Commission discussed holding a meeting on September 9 at the Paxton Senior Center. It was requested that the draft flier is edited and the recreation department is notified. Current issues identified include: furniture on Illig's Pond Trail, signage and information on trails, trail maintenance, mapping.

Alderwood Road Dumping – It was reported by Ms. McDonald that a neighbor had complained about yard waste and trash dumped on Conservation Commission owned land on Alderwood Road. The Commission discussed contacting the DPW to request help with the cleanup, posting signs for no dumping and drafting a letter to residents in the "Woods" neighborhoods.

Forestry Education: Kate Marquis, the Massachusetts State Forester for Paxton spoke with the Commission regarding forestry laws in the state, including: Forest Cutting Plans, abutter rights and notification requirements, state/local rights, criteria for exemption from WPA.

#### **Old Business:**

**Worcester County Memorial Park:** No one appeared at the meeting to discuss this ongoing project. It was requested that Ms. McDonald contact the representative, Chuck Caron, to request submittals required to re-open NOI application.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 PM.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 13, 2015.

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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