



PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2015

Location and Time: Paxton Town Hall 7:30-8:15pm

Attendance: Commissioners: Chris Keenan (Chairman), Gerry Ryan, Marisa Ayyazian (V-Chair), Michael Voorhis (Secretary), Tim Lauring. Absent: Holly Robert, Jim Robert. Others present: Mia McDonald (Cons. Agent), Zack Ferguson, Craig Miller, Richard Fenton, Charles Caron.

Minutes: Minutes of 3/12/15 were discussed and accepted. Minutes of 4/9/15 were discussed and accepted with edits.

Bills: \$560 for CC Agent Salary (16 hours.), Holden Landmark and Staples. MV made a motion and MA seconded, all in favor to pay bills before the Commission.

Old Business – Fontaine Property on Pleasant Street: No activity observed. As requested, photos were taken from the right-of-way.

New Business –

Appointments – MA will not be seeking reappointment when her term has ended. MM to contact Town Clerk to determine the end of MA's term.

-Zach's appointment is upcoming.

-HR has requested to be appointed as a voting member. She has requested a letter of support from the Commission to the Board of Selectmen regarding her appointment.

- The Commission discussed Holly's request and unanimous support was expressed to issue a letter of support to the Board of Selectmen stating that Holly Robert is highly knowledgeable, has completed entire MACC series for Commissioners, very vocal, additional forestry knowledge and experience, asset to the Commission and recommend her for a voting member.

Open Space Plan – Richard Fenton was present and gave the Commission a paper copy of the new Open Space Plan for the Town of Paxton. CK requested a digital version; Mr. Fenton agreed to provide a digital version.

7:45pm 11 Ashwood Road (Public Hearing): Charles Caron of Caron Engineering was present to represent the property owner, Craig Miller of Miller Irrevocable Trust. Mr. Miller was also present. Mr. Caron stated that the notice of intent application is for the replacement of an existing sewage disposal system on a single family home; existing system not Title V (cesspool); there is a deep man-made drainage ditch in the rear of the property with surrounding bvw; flagging completed by Lou Reed from Wachusett Environmental. The Commission requested field data forms for the delineation and flags to be rehung. CK asked if there was to be an impervious barrier between the new leachfield and the bvw; Mr. Caron answered there is not, but the new system was approved by the Board of Health without the barrier and in accordance with Title V. MV motioned and GR seconded to close the hearing. TL motioned and MV seconded to issue and Order of Conditions with the following special conditions:

1. Rehang all missing wetland flags.
2. Remove debris from bvw and buffer zone. Do not remove earthen berm that is dated at over 40 years old.
3. Existing cesspool and leachfields (2) shall be abandoned as per Title V requirements.

Ms. McDonald requested a check made out to the Town of Paxton for the \$50 for the advertising fee and a check made out to the Commonwealth of MA for \$75 for the recording fee.

Worcester County Memorial Park: Mr. Caron acted as representative for Worcester County Memorial Park. Mr. Caron explained that the project plan had not been completed due to lack of wetland flagging; but the resource areas are now flagged and have been placed on a plan; property line survey is ongoing; plan shall be available for discussion at the June meeting. Mr. Caron requested to be placed on the June agenda as a discussion item.

The Notice of Intent had been previously submitted but lacked sufficient data to close the hearing. When all data has been submitted, the Notice of Intent shall be re-advertised and abutters shall be re-notified.

Fee Schedule – The Commission discussed the existing fee schedule. They requested MV to add fee schedule to the website. Ms. McDonald requested that her name and title is also added to the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 11, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Mia McDonald

Conservation Agent

Reference Documents:

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

