



PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2015

Location and Time: Paxton Town Hall 7:30-8:45pm

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

Minutes: Minutes of 3/12/15 were not ready. It was decided that MM would write the minutes for future meetings.

Bills: \$560 for CC Agent Salary (16 hours.)

Correspondence: Received Board of Health application plan for 60 Marshall Street and Notice of Intent application for 11 Ashwood Street.

7:45pm 16 South Street (Public Hearing): Scott Morrison of EcoTec, Inc was present to represent the property owner, Jason Burgess, also present. Mr. Morrison stated that there are two bordering vegetated wetlands and one isolated wetland within 100 feet of the proposed project work; there is an existing cart path that shall be utilized for the proposed driveway; only the proposed driveway and septic system are within the 100-foot buffer of the BVWs. Mr. Morrison also stated that he is seeking a waiver from the Planning Board's stormwater requirements; owner prefers to remove water quality swales from the proposed plan and keep the existing vegetation intact. TL asked if the cart path will be widened and paved. Mr. Morrison responded that the driveway shall be gravel, and it shall be raised and widened. HR reminded the applicant that the stumps are not to be dumped in the resource areas.

GR motioned and MA seconded to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions for 16 South Street to Jason Burgess; GR, MA and TL voted in support.

The applicant requested a letter of support for the waiver request to be sent to the Planning Board. The Commission agreed to send a letter in support of the removal of the grass water quality swales on either side of the C-series BVW due to the large amount of vegetation removal required in its installation.

The applicant requested a letter stating that the submittal of this Notice of Intent Application, as well as the issuance of an Order of Conditions, satisfied and removed the existing Enforcement Order on the property. The Commission agreed to issue the letter.

Worcester County Memorial Park: The Commission is still waiting for a delineation plan and activity still continues at the property. The Commission requested that MM draft a letter and contact Brian Killelea to schedule a site visit.

Wetland Bylaw Discussion: The Commission requested that MM begin on the accompanying regulations for the draft bylaw.

USDA Funding Available: GR distributed information to the Commissioners regarding funding for conservation projects available through the USDA.

Appointment of Zack Ferguson: CK motioned and it was voted to request appointment of Zack Ferguson to the Commission as a voting member.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 14, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Mia McDonald

Conservation Agent

Reference Documents:

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

