



PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2015

Location and Time: Paxton Town Hall 7:30-8:50pm

Attendance: Commissioners: Michael Voorhis (Secretary), Gerry Ryan, Marisa Ayvazian (V-Chair), Tim Luring, Holly Robert, Jim Robert, Absent: Chris Keenan Others present: Mia McDonald (Cons. Agent), Ellen Smith, David Fontaine, Zack Ferguson.

Minutes: Minutes of 1/8/15 were approved with corrections, motion by GR, seconded by MA, vote 3-0 in favor.

Bills: \$566.49 was paid out, \$560 for CC Agent Salary (16 hours) and \$6.49 for postage.

Budget: Commissioners agreed to meet with the Finance Comm. to discuss a possible increase in the FY16 budget as opposed to level funding. The deadline is 3/1/15 for submittal.

Pleasant St (M27, Lot 166): Discussion requested by David Fontaine. An Enforcement Order was issued per CK. MV stated the Order was issued due to removal of vegetation with the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland and read aloud the wording from the Order: "No alteration to the area within the 100 foot buffer of the wetland resource areas. Alteration includes, but is not limited to, the removal of vegetation, disturbance or addition of soil, stockpiling of any kind, and motor vehicle access, crossings and entry. No work shall occur until the limit of the resource areas has been delineated in order to determine said buffer." The order was signed by MV, GR, MA and TL but had been previously mailed Certified USPS.

Mr. Fontaine questioned why he couldn't access his property. Commissioners responded that no vehicles can access the property but he can travel by foot. MV read aloud the Order again to help clarify. Mr. Fontaine became frustrated, said his attorney would be contacting them and will still be entering his property. He was offered a copy of the Order but instructed the Commission to give it to his attorney. MM requested the attorney's contact information and Mr. Fontaine did not provide it. MM will mail the signed EO to him.

MM spoke with Mr. Fontaine's permission to Glenn Krevosky regarding the stream on the property. Mr. Krevosky stated he believes the stream to be intermittent and plans to include that proposed determination in the Notice of Intent. Mr. Krevosky also stated that two flags were hung on the property, but a full delineation has not been completed. Commissioners were concerned with recent past behavior from Mr. Fontaine and suggested the Police Dept. be notified as a precaution.

Worcester County Memorial Park: The Commission is still waiting for a delineation plan and activity still continues at the property. Discussion will continue to the next meeting when CK can contribute more information.

Wetland Bylaw Discussion: MM presented a draft copy to the members who will review it and have comments for the next meeting. A public hearing will be necessary as proper procedure for a new bylaw for Town Meeting in May. It will need to be submitted to the BOS by the end of March to be put on as an Article for Town Meeting vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 12, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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Reference Documents:

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

