

Approved 2/12/15

PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2015



Location and Time: Paxton Town Hall 7:30-9:45pm

Attendance: Commissioners: Michael Voorhis (Secretary), Jerry Ryan, Marisa Ayvazian (V-Chair) Holly Robert (Associate), Absent: Tim Luring, Chris Keenan Others present: Mia McDonald (Cons. Agent), Elizabeth Burris, Ellen Smith, David Fontaine, Michelle Morrison, James C., Paul McManus, Zack Ferguson.

Correspondence: Landmark bills for Nov. and Dec. for \$33 and \$33 will be paid. Motion by MA, seconded by JRy, vote 3-0 in favor. MA signed payroll sheet for M. McDonald. The Annual Conf. for the MACC will be at Holy Cross on Sat. 2/28/15.

Pleasant St (Map27, Lot 166): Owner, David Fontaine appeared before the Committee to discuss work that has been ongoing to clean up/clear parts of the property. Some of the work that has been done has been questioned as to whether it is in or near the wetland delineations. He said he needs to cross the wetlands to do the work. MM stated that a Forestry Cutting Plan had expired four years ago related to this land. Mr. Fontaine said that he needs to build a culvert to put horses on the property and that the area was to be professionally delineated that weekend. HR noted that there may be a perennial stream according to the USGS maps and a stream crossing would need a NOI. HR also stated that the property is in the Watershed Protection Overlay District. The Commission told Mr. Fontaine the following: the wetlands cannot be crossed by vehicles even when frozen, no additional cutting of trees is allowed but it is okay to remove what is already cut and that downed wood can only be removed from the upland area. Mr. Fontaine agreed at the Commission's request to use the rear entrance.

Notice of Intent, 153 Suomi St, lot 9: Construction of a SFR. The siltation line will be moved to within the silt fence line. A PDF will be submitted of the BVW forms for all ten lots. Lisa Burris, an abutter, was concerned about a beaver pond on the property and the vicinity of the work being performed on the other lots. MV stated that we can determine if work has been performed according to the plans submitted. HR recused herself and sat in the audience. **A Standard Order of Conditions was issued noting the alteration upon getting revised plan, motion MV, seconded by MA, vote 3-0 in favor.** A \$75 check is needed for recording.

Notice of Intent, 75 Suomi St: Construction of a driveway and associated site work. Paul McManus from EcoTec presented a plan showing a Storm Water Basin running along the driveway against the wetland area towards the front of the property. He wants to request a waiver from the Planning Board to not construct the basin so close to the wetlands. He asked if the Commission could send a letter to the PB stating they agreed to not install the basin. MM will prepare it. MM asked for more detail of the 12" culvert to be installed near the entrance of the driveway, pop out detail on the plan. Also, revised protocol will be submitted for nine shrubs and two trees that will be specified to remain after two growing seasons. A check for \$75 was submitted for recording. 21 days does not start until the new information is submitted. That will be the date of issue.

Worcester County Memorial Park. Representatives did not come. The Commission is ready to take a stronger position. They discussed different avenues to pursue by contacting DEP, Army Corp of Eng. or the press. HR recused herself and took part in the public seating.

Spaulding Woods and Davis Hill properties: MM will get an update from TL and will contact CK to go over what the next step will be.

Minutes: Minutes of 12/11/14 were approved with corrections, motion by MA, seconded by JRy, vote 3-0 in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Reference Documents:

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

