



Paxton Conservation Commission

Minutes of the March 10, 2011 Meeting

Location and Time Paxton Town Hall 7:40 – 9:15 pm

Attendance Commissioners: Chris Keenan (chair), Justin Thackeray (vice-chair), Michael Voorhis, Jim Robert, Marisa Ayvazian, Daniel Gehnrich. Others present: Holly Robert

Minutes Minutes of the February 10, 2010 meeting were approved with minor correction.

Public Hearings:

Notice of Intent for work at the **Paxton Ponds subdivision off Red Oak Street**. Jason Dubois presented the plan. The roadway was approved in 1988. Lot sizes vary between 1.5 and 4 acres. The proposed work is for the road and grading work associated with road construction only. Catch-basins for storm water are outlined on the plan, with a detention basin close to the wetland, the latter is proposed to be used as a temporary infiltration basin during construction. Keenan pointed out that DEP best practices require that infiltration basins not be used in this way; the commission requests that an alternative solution be found. The water level in the detention basin (from a 100-year storm) needs to be at least 50' from the wetland buffer zone but appears to be closer than this on the plan. Commission requested that this be moved further away. A haybale and silt-fence surrounding the work is proposed. Commission requested copies of the plan-review letters from Ross Associates. The hearing was continued to 8pm April 14th.

Miscellaneous

- The commission discussed the ongoing wetland issues at **313 Richards Avenue**. Property owner Holly Robert said that water from the area of the barn and manure shed on the property is being directed toward the wetland replication areas, forming large pools because the amount of water is too great for the replication area, large amounts of water are also flowing from the wetland onto the Robert's property. Keenan proposed sending a letter to the DEP, stating that the PCC feels that issues remain that are not being addressed. The Roberts will have a wetland scientist come to look at the soils at the point of discharge onto their property. The Roberts requested to place sand bags along the wall where the discharge is occurring through a stone wall onto their property. Commissioners agreed that this could be done as an emergency solution.
- Jim Robert will visit **6 Arrowhead Drive**.

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on Thursday, April 14 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Thackeray