



Paxton Conservation Commission

Minutes of the May 12, 2011 Meeting

Location and Time Paxton Town Hall 7:55 – 9:15 pm

Attendance Commissioners: Chris Keenan (chair), Justin Thackeray (vice-chair), Mike Voorhis, Marisa Ayvazian.,
Commissioner absent: Jim Robert, Daniel Gehnrich. Others present: Mark Love

Minutes Minutes of the April 14, 2011 meeting were approved without correction.

Public Hearings:

Notice of Intent for construction of a new home and septic system at **Lot 2, Davis Hill Road**. This is a continued hearing from the meeting of February 11, 2011. Keenan reported that although no work seems to be going on at the moment, some work already appears to have been performed at the site, despite the fact that no order of conditions has been approved; Keenan will contact the builder to ensure they are aware of the proper process. The party did not appear; the hearing was continued to 8pm, June 9, 2011.

Miscellaneous

- Requests for certificates of compliance were received from **8 Ridgewood Road** and **503 Pleasant St**. Keenan will confirm after the meeting whether the work has been completed.
- A copy of a letter from Keenan to Phil Nadeau (DEP) concerning **313 Richards Avenue** was added to the file.
- Keenan reported receiving a letter from Mark Love concerning continued work on the Robert's property, stating that a loader and chipper were present. The commission is unsure whether this relates to work under the order of conditions related to clearing work that was previously approved; the commission will contact the Roberts to find out.
- A copy of a hydrology report (dated April 28, 2011) on activities on and around **313 Richards Avenue** was received by the commission from Patrick Garner. The hydrological analysis was performed by Eggleston Environmental in conjunction with Patrick C. Garner & Co. The summary report of this analysis concludes that the cause of the increased flooding on the Robert's property is the reconstruction of the Robert's roadway and culvert in 2006.
- A letter (dated May 11, 2011) was received from Robert Daylor of Tetra Tech, on behalf of the Roberts, commenting on the April 28 hydrology report performed by Patrick Garner and Eggleston Environmental. The letter asserts that the increased flooding on the Roberts property is not due to work on the Robert's access road and culvert, but is instead due to the altered hydrology on the Love's property resulting from placement of drains, wet meadow alterations, placement of a riding rink in the valley floor; these changes resulted in increased water discharge onto the Robert's property.
- After discussion of the competing claims about the cause of wetlands issues around **313 Richards Avenue**, commissioners agreed that an independent analysis of the hydrology report by Eggleston/Garner is needed. A motion to obtain a quote for such analysis was made by Thackeray and seconded by Voorhis; motion carried unanimously. Keenan will contact David Ross Associates for a quote.

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on Thursday, June 9 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Justin Thackeray

