



PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2020

Approved 7/9/20

Location and Time: Remote ZOOM Meeting 7:02pm-8:00pm

7:02 PM Meeting opened

Attendance:

Commissioners: Lenny Anderson, Chairman; Mike Voorhis, Vice Chairman; Bob Ferguson, Commissioner; Jim Robert, Commissioner; Holly Robert, Assoc. Member.

Absent: Donmarie Desrosiers, Commissioner.

Others present: Mia McDonald, Cons. Agent, Alicia and Mark DiPadua, 78 Suomi Street, Scott Morrison, EcoTec, Inc.

Chairman Anderson read aloud the remote meeting guidelines.

Minutes May meeting were reviewed. MV made a motion, JR seconded and MV, LA, BF, & JR voted in favor of approving the minutes.

Bills:

Payroll \$648.90 for Mia McDonald

JR motioned, MV seconded and LA, BF, JR, & MV voted in favor of paying the bills.

Public Hearings:

Notice of Intent for 70 Maple Street

No new information from the MassDEP or the applicant. MV made a motion, JR seconded and LA, BF, JR, & MV voted in favor of continuing the hearing to the next meeting of the Commission.

MM noted that the voting commissioners for the June hearing of this application are: MV, MO, JR, BF and DD.

Notice of Intent for 78 Suomi Street

Scott Morrison of EcoTec, Inc. presented for Mark & Alicia DiPadua, who were also present.

The applicant proposes to install an inground pool and fence within the 100-foot buffer to the nearby wetland. The wetland was delineated and the delineation was approved by staff. The pool shall be saltwater, the fence shall be outside the 30-foot buffer, and the backwash/discharge shall be outside the 25-foot buffer and away from the resource areas. The Commission discussed adding special conditions that the fence remain outside the 30-foot buffer, no stockpiling of any material within 25 feet of the resource area, no discharge to the wetlands or the 25-foot buffer, and any dewatering during construction shall be to a haybale corral and outside the 50-foot buffer. MV made a motion, JR seconded and all voted by roll call to close the hearing. MV made

motion, JR seconded and LA, MV, JR, BF and JR voted by roll call to issue an Order of Conditions with the special conditions listed.

Other Business:

Request for Certificate of Compliance for 226 Richards Ave, (Map 17, Parcel 31, FKA Lot 1 218 Richards Ave) DEP File #257-0301. Staff reports site stable and constructed as approved. JR made a motion, MV seconded and LA, MV, JR, BF and JR voted by roll call to issue the Certificate of Compliance after the grass has been mowed twice.

Update: 3 Old Lantern Circle: the wetland delineation is not yet completed, and the Notice of Intent application is expected in August.

Correspondence:

None

Informal Discussion: Moore State Parks conditions and volunteer support

The Commission discussed waiting until Phase 3 of reopening Massachusetts begins to try to gather the friends initiative again.

MM stated that there was some confusion about parking on Davis Hill Road. She spoke with the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Town Administrator and the Paxton Police. All parties confirmed this is a public right of way and people may park along the road as long as they don't block traffic and that this is an official entrance to Moore State Park. The Commission discussed and confirmed they agreed with the Paxton Police and MA Department of Conservation and Recreation that this is an official entrance to Moore State Park and people may park in the road right of way as long as they are not on the residents' lawns or wetland resource areas. The Commission asked MM to send a letter to residents on that side of Davis Hill Road to state this, and to contact the American Legion at the end of the street to inquire if public parking is permitted to access the entrance.

Sites Visited:

16 Eagle Lane (cutting in the wetland resource areas),
5 Olivia Knoll – certificate of occupancy from building dept
Worcester County Memorial Park,
Pleasant Street/Fontaine (from Right of Way),
Route 31 – inspection of replication area
45 Keep Ave – Fence and renovations outside 100' buffer
78 Suomi Street – wetland delineation confirmation
5 Indian Hill Rd – stream restoration under current Order of Conditions
115 West Street – inground pool proposed within 100' buffer
226 Richards Ave – COC inspections

BOH Plans & Building Permits: None

Reminder of Upcoming Meeting Dates (confirm quorum): Thursday, July 9, Thursday, August 13

JR made a motion, MV seconded and LA, MV, JR, BF and JR voted by roll call to allow Mia McDonald to sign the Orders, Determinations and Certificates issued at this meeting for them.

JR motioned and MV seconded and and LA, MV, JR, BF and JR voted by roll call to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mia McDonald,
Agent for the Conservation Commission

Reference Documents:

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