



PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
August 13, 2020

Accepted
9/24/20

Location and Time: Remote ZOOM Meeting 7:16pm-8:10pm

7:16 PM Meeting opened

Attendance:

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

Absent: Lenny Anderson, Chairman, Donmarie Desrosiers, Commissioner.

Others present: Mia McDonald, Cons. Agent

Vice-Chairman Voorhis read aloud the remote meeting guidelines.

Minutes of the July meeting were reviewed and it was decided to wait until the following month to get more commissioner input.

Bills:

Payroll \$648.90 for Mia McDonald

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

Public Hearings:

Notice of Intent for 70 Maple Street

Applicant requested to continue due to lack of approval from MassDEP for 401 Water Quality Certification application for variance. JR made a motion, BF seconded and 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 September hearing of this application are: MV, JR, BF and DD.

Other Business:

Request for Certificate of Compliance: 217 Richards Ave, (Map 17, Parcel 50, Worcester County Memorial Park) DEP File #257-0283. The applicant wishes to open this meeting at the September meeting to address some of the outstanding items in the Order of Conditions including the restoration work and the removal and long term management of the beavers.

Update: 3 Old Lantern Circle: The Commission has requested the submission of a Notice of Intent application. The applicant's representative stated it would be forthcoming for the August meeting. No application was received. The Commission asked for an update by the September meeting from the owner or the enforcement order would be modified with strict deadlines and increased enforcement. MM will write an email detailing the need for response prior to the September meeting.

Correspondence:

None

Informal Discussion:

Eagle Scout Colin McDonald to replace boardwalk at Illig's Pond Colin plans to replace the 25 foot by 5 foot boardwalk bridge that enters the trails to the west of Illig's Pond for his Eagle Scout project. Colin did not yet have a budget for the project, but the Commission approved him moving forward with his own funding or returning to the Commission for approval of a budget for reimbursement for materials. Colin plans to build the boardwalk at the end of September. JR made a motion, BF seconded and all voted in favor of allowing Colin to complete the boardwalk replacement by roll call: BF, JR, MV.

Parking for Moore State at the American Legion – MM was able to reach the American Legion and they do not permit parking for Moore State Park at their site due to the need for parking spots during their private events.

Sites Visited:

16 Eagle Lane – garden planted in upland, no activity in wetland.

Worcester County Memorial Park,

Pleasant Street/Fontaine (from Right of Way),

Route 31

205 Pleasant Street – Building permit application for inground pool, no resource areas within 100 feet

2 Hemlock Street – (MV visited) Erosion control inspection

592 Pleasant Street – Cutting observed near wetland resource area: soil intact, observed management of roadside vegetation (knotweed)

516 Pleasant Street – Vegetation stockpiling observed from right-of-way

Moore State Park – Dam replacement site inspection

BOH Plans & Building Permits:

205 Pleasant Street – Building permit application for inground pool

2 Hemlock Street- Building permit application for single family home

312 Richards Ave – Board of Health permit application for septic system

Reminder of Upcoming Meeting Dates (confirm quorum): Thursday, September 10 and Thursday, October 8.

JR motioned and BF seconded and MV, BF and JR voted by roll call to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mia McDonald,

Agent for the Conservation Commission

Reference Documents:

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