



PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2021

Approved 11/18/21

Location and Time: Remote Meeting via Zoom, no in-person meeting was conducted and public access was through Zoom only, 7:00pm-8:12pm

7:03 PM Meeting opened

Attendance:

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

Others present: Mia McDonald, Cons. Agent, Ryan Gavin of New England Environmental Design, Inc., Scott Morrison of EcoTec, Inc., Scott Jordan of EcoTec, Inc.

Chairman Anderson read aloud the remote meeting guidelines.

Minutes of the September meeting were reviewed. MV motioned, DD seconded and by roll call BF, MV, JR, DD, JL & LA voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

Bills:

Payroll \$648.90 for Mia McDonald

MV motioned, DD seconded and by roll call BF, MV, JR, DD, JL & LA voted in favor of paying the bill.

Notice of Intent for 190 West Street (Map 12, Parcels 53,) by Gary Lederer for proposed repair a subsurface sewage disposal system and associated site work. Ryan Gavin of New England Environmental Design, Inc., presented the project. Mr. Gavin stated the existing septic system is a cesspool and has failed inspection. He stated the backyard has high groundwater and therefore the new system must be placed in the front yard. The existing waterline supplying the home must be moved to accommodate the new septic system. MV commented that this house is on West Street across from the entrance to Suomi Street. MM asked for the placement of an impervious barrier along the west between the leaching field and the wetlands and recommended this in conditioned to be included in the revised plans. MV asked if the system was a Presby system. Mr. Gavin stated it was not a Presby, but pipe and stone.

It was noticed that Jim Robert could not be heard, seen or communicated with, even though he may still have been in attendance via Zoom.

LA asked for public comment. None was provided. DD motioned to close the hearing, BF seconded and by roll call BF, MV, DD, JL & LA voted in favor.

The Commission discussed the special conditions and required revised plans are submitted to include the impervious barrier between the leach field and the wetlands. MV motioned to issue the Order of Conditions with special conditions, DD seconded and by roll call BF, MV, DD, JL & LA voted in favor.

Notice of Intent for 46 Davis Hill Road (Map 18, Parcel 198,) by Justin Newton for proposed repair of a retaining wall and site drainage improvements including grading and repair of roof drain and associated site work. Scott Jordan of EcoTec, Inc. presented the project. Mr. Jordan stated that the home has a short backyard contained by a retaining wall and that drainage problems have damaged the retaining wall and footings of the deck. Mr. Jordan said the project proposes to route all roof downspouts to a subsurface drain that overflows out a riprap splash pad and the wall will be re-built in some places as shown on the plan to the same height. Mr. Jordan stated that there would be tree removal needed for the reconstruction of the retaining wall including two 2" Norway maples at the toe of the wall. He also stated the new wall would be block and no work or structures are proposed any closer to the wetland resource area than in existing conditions. An erosion control line would be used between the limit of work and the wetlands as shown on the plan.

LA asked for public comment. None was provided. BF motioned to close the hearing, MV seconded and by roll call BF, MV, DD, JL & LA voted in favor.

The Commission discussed the special conditions and decided the normal boiler plate would be suitable. MV motioned to issue the Order of Conditions with special conditions, BF seconded and by roll call BF, MV, DD, JL & LA voted in favor.

Notice of Intent for 1 Eugenia Drive (Map 19, Parcels 61,) by James and Christine Army for proposed repair a subsurface sewage disposal system and associated site work. Scott Morrison of EcoTec Inc. presented the project: replacement of a failed septic system. The proposed system would have to be raised due to high groundwater. The proposed location is 50 feet from the wetland resource areas and outside the drinking water regulated area associated with the Zone A for surface water across Route 122. The proposed system will include a pump and a Presby system all within existing lawn, including the grading. BF asked why no erosion control barrier was placed along the south. Mr. Morrison responded that the flow was to the north across the site.

LA asked for public comment. None was provided. MV motioned to close the hearing, BF seconded and by roll call BF, MV, DD, JL & LA voted in favor.

The Commission discussed the special conditions and decided the normal boiler plate for septic systems would be suitable. MV motioned to issue the Order of Conditions with special conditions, DD seconded and by roll call BF, MV, DD, JL & LA voted in favor.

Request for Extension for 149 Suomi Street DEP File #257-316 for 1 year

The Commission discussed the ongoing construction of the single-family home. No change is proposed and staff does not recommend any new conditions. The Commission discussed and conferred an additional year should be added to the permit. JL motioned to extend the Order of Conditions, BF seconded and by roll call BF, MV, DD, JL & LA voted in favor.

Request for Certificate of Compliance for Lot 3 Suomi Street (Map 13, Parcel 5 portion,) DEP File #257-0280, 9/12/2013; continued to November meeting. MM will contact the owner for an update and to schedule a site visit. JL motioned, BF seconded and by roll call BF, MV, DD, JL & LA voted to continue the request to the November meeting.

Michael Coomey of 17 Keep Ave came to the Zoom meeting to ask for the steps to close out the Order of Conditions on his property. MM directed him to fill out WPA Form 8A Request for Certificate of Compliance and to email her with any questions.

Other Business:

Board of Health Plans:

1 Eugenia Lane
190 West Street
93 Grove Street
38 Lancelot Drive
16 Shanandoah Drive

Building Permits:

12 Holbrook Lane – Pool, requires a conservation permit

Sites Visited:

16 Eagle Lane – no site work observed
143 West Street – Weekly inspection
280 Pleasant Street – post- restoration inspection for GWLT

Other Business: Land at the end of Wildewood Drive. The Board of Selectmen will hear the Commission's request to have the land transferred to their care and control on Monday, October 18.

Reminder of Upcoming Meeting Dates (confirm quorum):

- Thursday, November 18, 2021
(This is the THIRD Thursday due to Veterans Day on the 11th)
- Thursday, December 9, 2021

MV motioned and DD seconded and LA, DD, BF, JL and MV voted by roll call to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mia McDonald,
Agent for the Conservation Commission

Reference Documents:

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