



PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2023

Location and Time: Location and time: meeting was opened at 7:03 PM at the White Building (John Bauer Senior Center 17 West St.)

Attendance:

Commissioners: Mike Voorhis, MV, Chair; Bob Ferguson, BF, Commissioner; Jim Robert, JR, Commissioner; Donmarie Sespaniak, DS, Commissioner; Jason Lambert, JL, Commissioner; Commissioner; Holly Robert, HR, Associate Commissioner; Douglas Dillon, DD, Conservation Agent

Others present: Carlos Fuentes, 263 West St.; Andrea Kendall, LEC; Kevin Quinn, Quinn Engineering

Minutes: JL moved to accept the minutes as amended, JR seconded, all in favor, none opposed

Bills: Mass Association of Conservation Commissions to use for DD 4 one half year \$30 and conference fees of \$60 for a total of \$90. JR moved to pay MACC, JL seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

Correspondence received: none

Sites Visited:
none.

Public Hearings:

Request for Amended Order of Conditions, Consuela Robles, Grove Street (Paxton tax map 24, Lot 10): Kevin Quinn represented Carlos Fuentes and Consuela Robles who are seeking to amend the approved plan. The lot includes the right-of-way that the Town of Paxton has for access to Asnebumskit pond damn. The parties requested that the planning board reduce the storm water requirement. Roof water will be diverted underground. Runoff will flow overland which will catch sediment. The request for the amended Order of Conditions has the same DP number. Abutters were notified. The hearing was advertised. JR moved to issue an amended order of conditions, DD seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) Anna Maria College, 50 Sunset Ln. continued from 12 January 2023:

Andrea Kendall of LEC reported that DEP has commented that the isolated wetland area should be calculated for one year and 100 year storms. Isolated Vegetated Wetland # 4 and #5 were mapped and delineated. There is a storm water basin. In 2010 the order of conditions had been issued. Since that time slopes were constructed so there is now no wetland in that location. The mapped riverfront is acknowledged but not near the area down gradient and north of the intermittent stream which is contained within the forest. Areas #6 and #7 are not subject to state or by law jurisdictions according to LEC. The on-site area of the river was not confirmed.

Boundaries of the perennial streams were not confirmed. These are far outside the area of the work being considered. DS moved to issue the ANRAD, JL seconded, all in favor none opposed

Other business:

Welcome to Douglas Dylan our new conservation agent. DD had a one hour training with Mia McDonald DEP Circuit Rider. He has also taken 2 fundamentals courses through MACC.

Updates on previous issues:

141 Suomi St. MV noted that plantings are needed prior to considering the order of conditions.

DPW improvements to Route 31 South St. We received a request to review previous flagging done on Route 31 by Moore State Park. This flagging was done many years ago and we were not able to review due to winter conditions. There are flags laying on the ground. The area may need to be re-flagged.

Old Lantern Circle drainage easement: an abutter requested that a culvert be constructed. MV sent their lawyer's letter to DEP.

BF nominated JR for vice chair, DS seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

Next meetings,
Thursday, April 13 7:00 PM
Thursday, May 11 7:00 PM

JR moved to close the meeting, DS seconded, all present were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was closed at 9:01 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Ferguson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "R" and "F".

Robert Ferguson, Conservation Commissioner