

PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2023



Location and Time: Location and time: meeting was opened at 7:02 PM at the White Building (John Bauer Senior Center 17 West St.)

Attendance:

Commissioners: Mike Voorhis, MV, Chair; Bob Ferguson, BF, Commissioner; Donmarie Sepaniak, DS, Commissioner; Jason Lambert, JL, Commissioner; Commissioner; Douglas Dillon, DD, Conservation Agent

Others present:

Monique Parnagian, 11 Old Lantern Cir.; Aline Parnagian, 11 Old lantern Cir.; Leo Parnagian, 11 Old Lantern Cir.; Atty. Adam F. Kobel, 390 Main St, Ste 600, Worcester.

Minutes:

JL moved to accept the minutes as amended, DS seconded, all in favor none opposed.

Bills:

DD submitted charge for 17 hours at 31.31 for a total of \$532.27. DS moved to pay DD, JL seconded, all in favor none opposed.

Correspondence received:

Received a request for a certificate of compliance for 3 Old Lantern Cir. This will be on the June agenda.

Sites Visited:

166 Richards Ave. DD noted that erosion controls and vegetation needs to be completed for the septic replacement. The board of health should follow up.

5 Cutler needs to be visited to observe the septic repair.

Request for Determination of Applicability:

15 Old Lantern Cir.: Adam Kobel, attorney, attended to represent property owners of 11 Old Lantern Cir. A 20 foot long drainage easement for the brook running between lots was noted. Atty. Kobel questioned whether there should have been a permit for work done and also a question whether drainage area qualified as a wetland. MV noted that an intermittent stream is a wetland. BF said he believed that the drainage easement is wet by definition. Mr. Koval asked if an RDA is required. Mr. Koval asked what work the town can do without a permit. MV stated that the town should get a permit to work on the drainage easement. The determination of applicability is needed.

Certificate of Compliance:

131 Suomi St.: DD visited to inspect vegetation. 3 of the 8 plants had died. The matter is continued until a vegetation barrier is established to protect access to the wetland.

3 Old Lantern Cir. requesting a COC. Minutes need to be reviewed to see what was agreed to in the mitigation plan when some of the wetland was filled in. TD scheduled a site visit in 2 weeks. Plans were received too late for this meeting so will be on the agenda for June.

Other business:

2 Hemlock St.

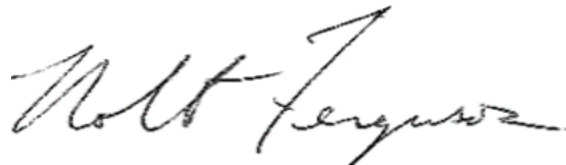
The owner contacted this commission because he wants to put in a pool. The house appears to be within the 100 foot buffer zone. MV informed the owner that an application is required and a site visit should be done. MV will review previous minutes to see what was determined prior to the construction of the house.

BF raised the question about how the commission can educate the public better on the Wetlands Protection Act. MV will continue to discuss the issue with other town officials regarding how to increase visibility of WPA regulations and permitting requirements. JL suggested information should be more prominent on the town website. MV and DD will work on implementation.

Next meeting will be on June 8. July meeting is for the 13th.

DS moved to close the meeting, JL seconded, all present were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was closed at 8:04 PM by MV

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Ferguson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Ferguson" clearly distinguishable.

Robert Ferguson, Conservation Commissioner