



PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 12, 2023

Location and Time: Location and time: meeting was opened at 7:01 PM at the White Building (John Bauer Senior Center 17 West St.)

Attendance:

Commissioners: Mike Voorhis, Acting Chair; Bob Ferguson, Jim Robert, James Lacasse,; Donmarie Desrosiers, Jason Lambert; Holly Robert, Associate Commissioner

Others present:

Michael Scott and Andrea Kendall of LEC Environmental Consultants
Erin Guzman, Margaret Foley, Steve Foley, John Martin, Susan Martin, Kathryn Palma, Randy Palma, Mary Louise McKenzie, David Johnson, Martha Akstin, Ethan Johnson

Minutes:

JR moved to accept the November minutes, JL seconded, all in favor none opposed

Bills: none

Correspondence received:

From Karen Gearin at 80 Asnebumskit-certificate of compliance was returned to be filed.

Sites Visited:

None

Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation for Anna Maria College.

Michael Scott and Andrea Kendall presented a map delineating wetlands. HR asked if the planning board has been involved. An engineering review for the previously proposed baseball field was suspended due to increased cost estimate. JL asked if the apparent vernal pool was evaluated. The pool was observed over 2 seasons and had been previously certified. Several members of the public asked about what plans the college has for development. MV commented that the conservation commission role is to review the delineation of the wetlands and not to discuss other impacts of any projects. Another site was located in a wooded area for a proposed baseball field. JR suggested a site visit. Visit was scheduled for January 14 at 8 AM. Hearing was continued until next month after the site visit.

Other business:

Previous minutes for several meetings during 2022 will be forwarded by RF to MV for uploading to the Google Drive.

John Martin of Streeter Road expressed interest in becoming a Commissioner. He was invited to attend the next meeting.

MV proposed that a non-quorum group could interview applicants. HR relayed information from Heather Munroe; Town administrator, who would like to be involved in hiring. Applications were reviewed and the top 3 candidates were identified. There was discussion about whether meeting should be done by Zoom or in person. The consensus was in person meetings provide more information and all agreed. MV suggested a list of questions should be developed and he will ask Heather for her input for questions. RF, MV and HR will be the non-quorum group and will interview applicants BW, MG and DD. Interviewing will be done as soon as possible.

Next meeting, February 9 at 7 PM

JR moved to close the meeting, JL seconded, all present were in favor, none opposed. Meeting was closed at 8:59 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Ferguson, Conservation Commissioner