



PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 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; 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:

Scott Jordan: EcoTec; Brian Siequist and Pam Daly of 281 West St.; Ray Bonneville 281 West St.; Peter Engle McClure engineering

Minutes:

DS moved to approve minutes from the June meeting as amended. JL seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Bills:

MACC membership \$452

JL moved to pay, JR seconded, all in favor none opposed.

Mail \$25.11

advertisement \$41.80

agent fees for Mr. Dylan for 2 months \$1158.47

JL moved to pay these bills, JR seconded, all in favor none opposed.

Correspondence received: none

Sites Visited:

DD visited:

12 Nipmuc

135 Pleasant

131 Suomi

178 – 180 Richards

Highland Village

Notice of Intent:

281 West St.

There is a revised plan presented by Scott Jordan of Eco-Tec and Peter Engle of McClure Engineering. The revised plan shows a driveway that crosses a stream with a box culvert over the

stream. There will be a retaining wall along the driveway. There is a slope of 15° that will be vegetated with bonded fiber matrix hydroseeding. A 1/8 inch thick wire backed barrier and silt fencing will be in place for erosion control. The Board of Health has accepted the septic plan. 1800 ft.² of vegetated wetland will be replicated. There will be 4 separate areas of replication to total 3700 ft.². DEP had no technical comments. The replication will include forested wetland plants in 2 areas. Two other areas will be replicated with wet meadow plants. BF asked if markers would be needed. MV opined that the wetland is obvious so he did not think markers were needed. HR asked when the replication will be done. EcoTec reports that replication will be done in spring of 2024 so the plants can take root. DS moved to close the hearing and JR seconded. All in favor none opposed.

JR asked if the box culvert is 3 sided and Mr. Engle responded that it is.

A standard Paxton order of conditions will be issued.

Certificates of compliance issued:

12 Nipmuc Rd.
135 Pleasant St.
131 Suomi St.

Updates on previous issues:

Mike will continue to work on a concise document to post information about conservation commission in the town hall.

Other business:

Next meeting, September 14.

DS moved to close the meeting, JR seconded, all present were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was closed at 8: 21 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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

Robert Ferguson, Conservation Commissioner