



PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 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, 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:

Michael Letourneau, 131 Suomi St.

Minutes:

DS moved to accept the minutes from March. JR seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Bills:

DD submitted reimbursement request for 18.5 hours at the rate of 31.31. JR moved to pay DD. DS seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Correspondence received:

none.

Sites Visited:

none.

Board of Health plans:

166 Richards Ave. Septic repair. Possible leach field in the buffer zone. DD will contact the owner and they may need to file a notice of intent. JR will contact the Board of Health to notify of the need for wetland mapping.

Updates on previous issues:

135 Pleasant St.: Action deferred until grass grows in.

131 Suomi St. MV noted that the house was built in a different location than shown in the notice of intent. Vegetation has been established. The house is within the 100 foot buffer zone. Homeowners may need to install vegetated barrier to protect the resource area. Mr. Letourneau attended the meeting. He wants to do plantings that would comply with conservation commission recommendations for a barrier of the wetland area. Mr. Letourneau suggested Arbor Vite. DD suggested consulting NewEnglandwetlandplants.com. Mr. Letourneau offered to follow-through on arranging plantings to form a barrier and prevent resource area access.

15 Old Lantern Cir. Drainage issue. MV sent the letter we received from the owner's lawyer to DEP. DD will consult Donna Graf-Parsons to see if the conservation commission has any role in this issue.

Other business:

DD and HR reported that DEP circuit rider: Mia McDonald, former Paxton conservation agent now has to observe a 2 year cooling off period. So she is unable to assist the Paxton conservation commission. We will need to consult her supervisor for DEP questions.

DD moved to close the meeting. JL seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting closed at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Ferguson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Robert Ferguson, Conservation Commissioner