



## *Paxton Conservation Commission*

Minutes, February 9, 2012 Meeting

**Location and Time** Paxton Town Hall 7:38 – 9:55 pm

**Attendance Commissioners:** Chris Keenan (chair) Justin Thackeray (vice chair), Marisa Ayyazian, Daniel Gehnrich, Michael Voorhis, James Robert. Associate Commissioner present: Holly Robert. Others present: Jim Bradbury & Bob Wilby (Paxton Lions), Tracy Clark, Kevin Quinn, Kelly Killeen, Lynn Mannila.

**Minutes** The January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

### **Public Hearings:**

**Notice of Intent** for culvert replacement at **Davis Hill Road**. This was a continued hearing from the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Kelly Killeen (Coler Colantonio) presented the plan. The bypass pump PCC requested is now in the plan. The plan now proposes a 32 inch parapet, with a 3' high vinyl-coated wire mesh fence along it also. The requested numbers on downstream flow indicate a 30% reduction in depth of flow. Commissioners agreed that the proposed changes met all of our requests from the The hearing was closed and a motion to **issue a standard order of conditions** was made by Thackeray and seconded by Jim Robert; motion carried unanimously.

**Notice of Intent** for construction of new homes and associated septic systems at **Lots 1 & 2, Davis Hill Road**. This was a continued hearing from the January 12, 2012 meeting. Keenan recused himself; Thackeray chaired the hearing. Kevin Quinn presented the plan. New plans were presented. A stone wall is proposed to contain the whole site and the lots have been renumbered as requested by the commission; wetland replication reports have been submitted to the commission. The replication zone has been moved to the location requested by the commission. The houses have been reconfigured to move them out of the 50' offset from the wetland line and the entire septic systems are now outside that area also. The homes are now designed with walk-outs toward the wetland, thus minimizing the amount of fill. The garages are now directly facing the driveway to reduce the amount of impervious surface being created. A four foot stone wall is proposed around between the lots and all areas of wetland. Both lots are well above the % requirement for them to be "buildable": 65,023 sq ft of upland for lot#1, 58,000 sq ft for lot #2. The hearing was continued to March 8<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 8pm, to allow time for additional slight revisions to the plan.

**Notice of Intent** for an addition to the residence at **29 Suomi St**. This was a continued hearing from the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Lynn Mannila presented the plan. The addition is 24' square, two stories with no basement, to be built on a slab. The addition is proposed on what is currently lawn, in the space between the house and the site of a pool that was recently removed. Keenan reported visiting the site recently; there is a well-defined lawn in the proposed location, that slopes down toward the wetland. Commissioners requested that there should no further expansion of the lawn towards the wetland, and there should be a haybale/siltfence around the work area from the driveway. The hearing was closed and a motion to **issue a standard order of conditions** was made by Gehnrich and seconded by Jim Robert; motion carried unanimously.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Jim Bradbury and Bob Wilby from the Paxton Lions attended the meeting and asked if the Commission would be interested in backing the Lions in a project to buy trees for 4<sup>th</sup> graders at Paxton Center School for Arbor Day. Commissioners agreed that this is a worthy cause and we would be willing to help out in any way we could.
- Jim Robert reported visiting **12 Bel Arbor Drive**: no wetlands concerns.
- Jim Robert will visit **60 Marshall St** and **9 Mower Avenue**.
- Commissioners discussed the possible wetlands violation at **8 McCann Place**. Keenan reported visiting the site; the filling is definitely within the buffer zone, but its not clear whether its in the wetland itself. The filling appears to be within a drainage easement around a detention basin; the wetland line may have moved shown on an old plan of the lot, coming closer to the back of the detention pond. Commissioners agreed that an enforcement order is needed; the order will require a Notice of Intent filing by April 2012, the wetland shall be delineated, remediation must be

proposed, erosion controls must be placed immediately around the disrupted area. The homeowner will be sent the enforcement order by registered mail.

- Holly Robert attended a Planning Board meeting that discussed revisions to the Paxton Stormwater bylaw. Possible revisions were discussed to the draft document; these will be forwarded to Carol Riches and the Planning Board.
- Commissioners discussed the need for an update to our Standard Order of Conditions; a special meeting of the Commission will be held on February 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the changes needed.

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on Thursday, Feb 16th at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Thackeray