



PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2014

Location and Time: Paxton Town Hall 7:30-9:20pm

Attendance: Commissioners: Chris Keenan (Chair), Marisa Ayvazian (Vice-Chair), James Robert (Vice-Chair), Michael Voorhis (Secretary), Gerald Ryan, Holly Robert (Associate), Others present: Marc Curtis, Mark Farrell, Julian Votruba, Kirk Huehls, Josh Huehls, Victor Latino, Rob Johnson, Rebecca Latino.

Minutes: Minutes of the April 10, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved with corrections on a motion from James Robert seconded by Jerry Ryan.

Discussion: Victor Latino spoke of his Eagle Scout Project to add on to Steven Johnson's bridge he built last year. He brought copies of the NOI and OOC from that project. He wants to flatten out the ground and make his addition level. The rise is expected to be only 8 ¼ rise off the ground. He will have as little impact as possible to the environment. HR asked if it was ADA compliant. KH answered yes because it is level with the ground. CK said that the work is in conformance. The scouts were asked to help clean up some furniture that has been disposed of illegally in that area. The town will take care of getting rid of it.

A motion by Jerry Ryan, seconded by James Robert to accept the revised plan under the current Order of Conditions, vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

Public Hearings:

Cont'd AT&T Mobility. AT&T requested a continuance to the next meeting date in June.

A motion was made by James Robert to continue the hearing, seconded by Jerry Ryan, vote 5-0 in favor.

Notice of Intent, M Curtis/Green Hill Engineering, Lot 6, Suomi Street for construction of a SFR. James and Holly Robert recused themselves. MF added the Storm Water report and basin as requested. He blended the basin in with the landscape helping make it home owner friendly. CK asked that the driveway not be salted because of the proximity of the wetland especially at the first part of the driveway. MF feels the vegetation will absorb a lot of the water in that area.

A motion was made by Jerry Ryan to close the hearing, seconded by Michael Voorhis, vote 4-0 in favor. A motion was made by Michael Voorhis, for an Order of Conditions with two special conditions to not salt the driveway and to maintain a 25ft. natural vegetated buffer, seconded by Jerry Ryan, vote 4-0 in favor. The Order of Conditions was signed.

Notice of Intent, M Curtis/Green Hill Engineering, Lot 8, Suomi Street for construction of a SFR. James and Holly Robert recused themselves. A new plan showed a berm and basin as requested. The septic has also been redesigned. CK asked if they could not plant the red maple and put in something that the Asian Long Horned Beetle would not like.

A motion was made by Michael Voorhis, to close the hearing, seconded by Jerry Ryan vote 4-0 in favor.

A motion was made by Jerry Ryan, for an Order of Conditions with three special conditions for a 25 ft. natural vegetated buffer in the rear of the lot, to change the proposed red maple to swamp oak or like and a minimum of a 6 inch culvert in the proposed Storm Water basin, seconded by Michael Voorhis, vote 4-0 in favor.

Notice of Intent, J Votruba, New England Env. Design, 130 Marshall Street, for a proposed drive under garage with family room over. JV presented plans for existing conditions and revised. Checks for the Town and Comm of MA were received as requested. JV added riprap at the driveway and BVW data forms were presented.

A motion was made by Michael Voorhis, seconded by James Robert to close the hearing, vote 5-0 in favor.

A motion was made by Michael Voorhis, seconded by James Robert for an Order of Conditions with one special condition for signage between the work area and the wetland indicating environmentally sensitive permanent area, vote 5-0 in favor.


Miscellaneous

- A Forest Cutting Plan was received, dated 4/14/14, amendment to add another entrance through adjacent Pleasant View Nursery property for removal of storm damage trees. They will need to cross streams for a new area to store logs. The property referenced is owned by the Carmelites.
- Two invoices from the Landmark were paid, \$66.00. Motion by Michael Voorhis, seconded by James Robert, vote 4-0 in favor.
- HR will be sending a letter to CHA Consulting in response to the proposed road work to take place on Holden Rd. A small edit was made and all agreed to send.
- A letter of intent from National Grid was received for vegetative reduction.
- WCMP discussion: HR showed pictures of current conditions to the Commission. CK met with Brian Killelea again since last meeting and stated the wetland scientist had been there and that the work is slow with progress. He will be meeting with their engineer in about a week and will ask Brian K. to come to the next meeting to give the Commission an update. HR and JR were sitting as audience members. .
- No new information has been received regarding the PCS Vernal Pool Project.
- The budget has not been approved by the town yet.
- A former member of the Commission has reported that a possible wetland buffer zone violation has occurred on property owned by Robert DiVerdi on Pleasant Street/ Brigham Road. CK has spoken with Mr. DiVerdi and he stated he would file a NOI. CK will check the files for a plan showing wetland delineation. CK will also recuse himself from the process.
- A large pile of debris has accumulated at 516 Pleasant St. Yard waste must be 25ft. from wetlands. Howe's Farm Stand also has an issue with getting too close to the wetland with the mulch piles. A letter should be sent to both property owners.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 12, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,



Sheryl Lombardi

Town Services Coordinator

Reference Documents:

As noted in the minutes, on file with the Paxton Conservation Commission.

