



**PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
*December 9, 2021*

APPROVED 1/13/2022
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**Location and Time:** Remote Meeting via Zoom, no in-person meeting was conducted and public access was through Zoom only, 7:02pm-7:52pm

**7:03 PM Meeting opened**

**Attendance:**

Commissioners:, Lenny Anderson, Chairman, Mike Voorhis, Vice Chairman; Bob Ferguson, Commissioner; Jim Robert, Commissioner, James Lacasse, Commissioner; Holly Robert, Assoc. Member

Others present: Mia McDonald, Cons. Agent, Donna Booth, resident/applicant, Bob Desrosiers, Dig In Deep.

Chairman Anderson read aloud the remote meeting guidelines.

**Minutes** of the November meeting were reviewed. MV motioned, DD seconded and by roll call BF, MV, JR, JL, DD & LA voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

**Bills:**

Payroll \$648.90 for Mia McDonald

MV motioned, JR seconded and by roll call BF, MV, JR, JL, DD & LA voted in favor of paying the bill.

**Correspondence received:**

National Grid Right-of-Way Vegetation Management Plan Notice  
MACC Dues Letter (\$443 next year)

**Request for Determination of Applicability for 12 Indian Hill Road (Map 27, Parcels 158,)**  
by Donna Booth for proposed repair/replace a footing drain and associated site work. Bob Desrosiers of Dig In Deep represented the proposed project to repair and replace a malfunctioning perimeter drain. The work shall use a small machine and take about 4 hours to complete. The discharge is clean groundwater. The existing pipe is present, but not functioning. LA asked is the discharge was too high. Bob Desrosiers replied that the inlet is too high, but the outlet is at a functional elevation. LA asked is riprap splash pad is needed at the outlet. Bob Desrosiers replied that the basement is currently saturated and once the pipe is installed correctly, there will be an initial drain flow, but then once the tension of the water is broken, the area will slowly drip as it won't be able to build up.

LA asked for public comment. None was provided. The Commission discussed the project and asked that the following conditions are included in the Determination: the Commission is notified 48 hours prior to the start of work, wattles and straw is used to stabilize exposed soil until it is vegetated in the spring.

DD motioned to issue a negative determination of applicability with the conditions discussed, MV seconded and by roll call BF, MV, JL, DD & LA voted in favor.

**Request for Certificate of Compliance – None**

**Violation:** 12 Nipmuck Road, DEP File #257-0332. Matthew Marro, environmental consultant, emailed to state he has been ill and request to return to the January meeting for discussion.

Other Business:

Board of Health Plans:

47 West Street – MM emailed the Engineer (Elbag) who confirmed no work in the rear of the property or within the buffer to the wetland resource areas.

Building Permits: None

Sites Visited:

143 West Street – Weekly inspection

12 Indian Hill Road – pre-meeting visit

Lantern Hill Road – Drainage swale between 11 and 15 Old Lantern Road. The abutter asked for inspection due to erosion issues. The DPW is proposed to line the area with large riprap as part of routine maintenance of the swale.

23 Burtenmar Circle – erosion control inspection

174 Pleasant St- pre-meeting visit

FY 2023 Budget: The Commission discussed the budget and decided to ask for level funding with no increases. JR motioned and DD seconded and LA, BF, JL, DD, JR and MV voted by roll call to request level funding in the FY23 budget.

Informal Discussion:

JR met George Wilson and asked him to keep the brush pile at least 25' from the nearby pond on his property on Pleasant Street. Mr. Wilson replied he would keep it away and burn it in the winter.

JR said the DCR visited 326 Richards Ave and approved the work to dredge the pond and repair damage from beaver activity. Neil Coppola of Holden has been contracted to complete the work and a letter from DCR is forthcoming.

JR motioned and DD seconded and LA, BF, JL, DD, JR and MV voted by roll call to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Mia McDonald,

Agent for the Conservation Commission

**Reference Documents:**

**RECEIVED**

JAN 27 2022

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