



PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 2021

APPROVED
12/9/2021

Location and Time: Remote Meeting via Zoom, no in-person meeting was conducted and public access was through Zoom only, 7:00pm-8:12pm

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, Mark Farrell, Greenhill Engineering, Michael Coomey of 17 Keep Ave, Matthew Marro, Environmental Consultant.

Absent: Donmarie Desrosiers, Commissioner

Chairman Anderson read aloud the remote meeting guidelines.

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

Bills:

Payroll \$648.90 for Mia McDonald

Gatehouse Media up to \$63.92 for legal advertisement

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

Correspondence received: draft forest cutting plan for Rockland Street/Treasure Valley Boy Scout Reservation.

Notice of Intent for 174 Pleasant Street (Map 28, Parcels 59,) by Victor Lemus for proposed repair a subsurface sewage disposal system and associated site work. Mark Farrell of Greenhill Engineering presented the project: septic replacement of a failed system on a single-family home, the proposed system shall be pumped to leach area by the driveway to move the system out of the water table, the leach field is proposed outside the 50' buffer and outside the inner riparian zone, heavy duty pipes proposed due to location under/near the driveway, straw wattles proposed as erosion control barrier. LA asked if he oak trees along the road shall be removed. Mr. Farrell responded that they will likely be untouched. JR suggested the oak roots may cause damage to the system and may also get damaged during the system installation. Mr. Farrell stated he would shift the leach field 10' to the rear in an effort to avoid the root system of the trees.

LA asked for public comment. None was provided. JR motioned to close the hearing, MV seconded and by roll call BF, MV, JR, JL & LA voted in favor.

The Commission discussed the special conditions and required revised plans are submitted to show the leach field shifted 10 feet from the oak trees. MV motioned to issue the Order of Conditions with special conditions, JR seconded and by roll call BF, MV, JL & LA voted in favor.

Request for Certificate of Compliance –

Request for Certificate of Compliance for 17 Keep Ave (Map 12, Parcel 71) DEP File #257-0321, 9/26/2019. Michael Coomey of 17 Keep Ave attended to discuss the completed detached garage at his property. MM and JR visited the site and shared site photos. The work was completed as approved and the site was stable. LA asked for public comment. None was provided. MV motioned to issue the Certificate of Compliance, JR seconded and by roll call BF, MV, JL & LA voted in favor.

Request for Certificate of Compliance for 131 (FKA as Lot 3) Suomi Street (Map 13, Parcel 5 portion,) DEP File #257-0280, 9/12/2013. The Commissioners discussed that the plantings were not yet complete and would be installed by the owner in the spring. MV motioned to continue the Request for Certificate of Compliance, JR seconded and by roll call BF, MV, JL & LA voted in favor.

Request for Extension for 149 Suomi Street DEP File #257-316 for 1 year – MM and JR visited the site, where work was observed to be ongoing and the site stable. MV motioned to issue the extension to the Order, JR seconded and by roll call BF, MV, JL & LA voted in favor.

Request for Extension for 141 Suomi Street DEP File #257-315 for 1 year – MM and JR visited the site and observed work has not yet begun. Erosion controls shall need to be re-installed and inspected prior to the start of work. MV motioned to issue the extension to the Order, JR seconded and by roll call BF, MV, JL & LA voted in favor.

Violation: 12 Nipmuck Road, DEP File #257-0332. Matthew Marro, environmental consultant, represented Patricia and Dante Zamarro, also present via Zoom. Mr. Marro explained that some of the buffer to the wetland resource areas, including the 15-foot buffer, had been cleared of vegetation and proposed he create a planting plan to restore the 15' buffer and create a barrier from future encroachment. The work shall be completed as part of the stabilization of the yard from the septic work that was recently completed. The Commission viewed site photos. They asked Mr. Marro to prepare a planting plan and return to the December meeting for discussion.

2022 Meeting Calendar – The Commission discussed the proposed meeting calendar for 2022, where all the dates shall be on the second Thursday of the month, as is the historical trend.

Other Business:

- BOH Plans & Building Permits
- Sites Visited
- Reminder of Upcoming Meeting Dates (confirm quorum):
 - Thursday, December 9, 2021
 - Thursday, January 10, 2022
- Any other business that may come before the Commission.

Other Business:

Board of Health Plans:

174 Pleasant Street
490 Marshall Street
18 Old Lantern Circle
7 Crestwood Road

Building Permits: None

Sites Visited:

16 Eagle Lane – no site work observed
143 West Street – Weekly inspection
18 Old Lantern Circle
7 Crestwood Road
174 Pleasant Street
17 Keep Ave

Informal Discussion: 1 Eugenia Lane. Owner James Army asked if he could install a perimeter drain under his current Order of Conditions for septic replacement and submitted a sketch showing the proposed location of the drain. MM and LA were concerned that the perimeter drain was too close to the groundwater to work effectively. MM emailed Mr. Army the concerns.

MV motioned and JR seconded and LA, BF, JL and MV voted by roll call to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Mia McDonald,
Agent for the Conservation Commission

Reference Documents:

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