



PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2021

Approved
10/14/2021

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

7:00 PM Meeting opened

Attendance:

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

Others present: Mia McDonald, Cons. Agent.

Chairman Anderson read aloud the remote meeting guidelines. Commissioner Lacasse was welcomed to his first meeting!

Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed. BF found 2 typos and they were corrected at the meeting. DD motioned, MV seconded and by roll call BF, MV, JR, DD, JL & LA voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

Bills:

Payroll \$648.90 for Mia McDonald

Invoice for Gatehouse Media for legal advertising for \$16.40

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

Correspondence:

Amended and Approved Forest Cutting Plan received for Suomi Street. Mr. Capone included the Commission's comments that any work within the excluded area that lies within 100 feet of a wetland resource area is jurisdictional under the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Paxton Wetlands Bylaw. Additionally, MA DCR required the area is not cleared for future development, as prohibited by their forestry laws. MM and Mr. Capone shall stay in contact about the site.

Notice of Intent for 12 Nipmuck Road (Map 27, Parcels 136,) by Patricia and Dante Zamarro for repair of a septic system and associated site work. Mia McDonald excused herself as Commission Staff to represent the applicants, who are her parents. Full responsibility for review was accepted by the Commissioners. Ms. McDonald stated the existing system has failed and a replacement system is proposed 51 feet from the wetland resource area. The wetland area was flagged in May, it is comprised of an intermittent stream and bordering vegetated wetland. The Commission visited the site, confirmed the wetland line, and discussed the proposed work on site with the owner. A shed is also proposed within the existing lawn area within 50 feet of the wetlands. But the shed shall remain at least 35 feet away and no vegetation shall be removed for the shed. Some trees shall be removed for the installation of the leach field. At the site visit, Jim Robert, who is also the Paxton Tree Warden, suggested the use of a straw wattle and suggested

the 2 larger, leaning trees also be removed during the same project as they will interfere with the leach field and pose a safety hazard to the neighbor's home. The Commissioners viewed photos of the site and agreed with JR's suggestions.

LA asked for public comment; none provided. MV motioned, DD seconded and by roll call BF, MV, JR, DD, JL & LA voted to close the hearing.

The Commissioners discussed the special condition to allow the use of a straw wattle and no siltation fencing. They also requested the draft Order is sent to LA for review prior to issuance.

JR motioned, MV seconded and by roll call BF, MV, JR, DD, JL & LA voted to issue the Order of Conditions.

Request for Certificate of Compliance for Lot 3 Suomi Street (Map 13, Parcel 5 portion,) DEP File #257-0280, 9/12/2013; continued to October meeting. MM will contact the owner for an update and to schedule a site visit.

Other Business:

Building Permits:

75 Suomi Street – addition within existing lawn and beyond 50'

141 Suomi Street – has an open Order of Conditions, needs to be extended.

200 Grove Street – Tent within lawn.

56 Davis Hill Road – pool outside buffer

18 Shanandoah Road – Pool within existing lawn and beyond 50'

Board of Health Plans:

12 Nipmuck Road

15 Nipmuck Road – outside 100' buffer (in front yard)

Sites Visited:

16 Eagle Lane – no site work observed

143 West Street – Weekly inspection

280 Pleasant Street – post- restoration inspection for GWLT

Turn Back Time, Marshall Street – WPI student project

11 Old Lantern Circle – with DPW. Abutter requested cleaning of bvw/stream. It was determined to be a drainage easement and maintenance allowed. Overcleared a few years ago and currently eroding. DPW may armor with 6"+ rip rap; no additional vegetation removal.

Reminder of Upcoming Meeting Dates (confirm quorum):

- Thursday, October 14, 2021
- Thursday, November 18, 2021 This is the THIRD Thursday due to Veterans Day on the 11th

MV motioned and JR seconded and JR, LA, DD, BF, JL and MV voted by roll call to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mia McDonald,



Agent for the Conservation Commission

Reference Documents:

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

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