Paxton Conservation Commission



Minutes, March 8, 2012 Meeting

Location and Time Paxton Town Hall 7:35 - 9:30 pm

Attendance Commissioners: Chris Keenan (chair), Justin Thackeray (vice-chair), Marisa Ayvazian, Michael Voorhis. James Robert, Holly Robert (Associate). Absent: Daniel Gehnrich. Others present: Jeff Kent, Eric Bazzett, Bob Wilby, Kevin Quinn.

Minutes Minutes of the February 9, 2012 meeting were approved with minor correction; minutes filed reflect these changes.

Public Hearings:

Notice of Intent to replace/repair a septic system at 186 West St. Eric Bezette (New England Land Survey) presented the plan. There is an existing, failed, cesspool. The proposed system is at closest 51' from the wetland. The system will be raised; a Board of Health variance has been given to allow its placement 3' from the water table. A haybale and silt-fence is proposed around the limit of work. Commissioners requested that the vent be moved further from the wetland, to beyond the 50' line. The hearing was closed and a motion to issue a standard order of conditions was made by Jim Robert and seconded by Thackeray; motion carried. The motion included the special condition that the vent be moved to more than 50' from the wetland. The \$75 check for the Registry of Deeds was missing; therefore the Order of Conditions will not be filed until this is received.

Notice of Intent for construction of new homes and associated septic systems at Lots 1 & 2, Davis Hill Road. Kevin Quinn (Quinn Engineering) presented the plan. Keenan recused himself; Thackeray chaired the hearing. This hearing was continued from the February 2012 meeting. The wetland delineation performed has confirmed the original delineation. The dry-stone wall around the perimeter of the project will have some mortar, but will allow movement of water through it; there will also be signs along the top of the wall saying there is a wetland resource area behind it. The road through the property will be maintained, to allow access to the water line into the adjacent development, and to permit periodic inspection of the cap on the old town dump. The position of the home on lot 1 has been revised; it had inadvertently been moved into the outer riparian zone, so the move shifts it away so that less than 10% is over that line. The wetland replication will be 1.87:1. An abutter asked about dating/permitting for the roadway. Quinn explained that this was done without permission. Commissioners agreed that the changes made are significant and sufficient to allow the plan to be approved. The hearing was closed and a motion to issue a standard order of conditions at the April meeting was made Jim Robert and seconded by Ayvazian; motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous

- Holly Robert produced a typed version of the revised Standard Order of Conditions that had been worked on at the
 special February PCC meeting. Commissioners reviewed the draft and made further modifications. A motion to accept
 the document as our new Standard Order was made by Jim Robert and seconded by Thackeray; motion carried
 unanimously.
- A letter from CDM Smith dated Feb 7 2012 was received, proposing testing procedures in the buffer zone at Kettlebrook Reservoir #4; this is an exempt activity not requiring a permit.
- Bob Wilby (Paxton Lions) attended; trees for the Arbor Day event at PCS have been ordered; it will be an all-day
 event; parents will be notified; an article in the Landmark is expected; children participating will receive a certificate,
 which PCC agreed to pay for.
- The green card from the owners of 8 McCann Place, where possible wetlands violations may have taken place.
- A bill of \$65 from the Holden Landmark was approved.
- Jim Robert visited 60 Marshall St., no wetlands concerns.
- The Registry of Deeds declined to register the Order of Conditions for the culvert replacement on Davis Hill Road because there was no lot or parcel number; Sheryl Lombardi is looking into when the road was accepted by the Town.

• A request for a certificate of compliance was received for 147 Marshall St.

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on Thursday, April 11th at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Thackeray

