



PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
September 24, 2020

Approved
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Location and Time: Remote ZOOM Meeting 7:05pm-8:57pm

7:05 PM Meeting opened

Attendance:

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

Absent: None

Others present: Mia McDonald, Cons. Agent, Glenn Krevosky, EBT Environmental, Andrew Serrato, applicant, Julian Votruba, New England Environmental Design, Rabih Jreuge, applicant, Scott Morrison of EcoTec, Inc, Craig Cutting, resident, Robert Dupre, contractor, Hank Rauch, Habitat for Humanity, Colin Novick, Greater Worcester Land Trust.

Chairman Anderson read aloud the remote meeting guidelines.

Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed and it was noted that Chairman Anderson was referred to in the minutes, but he was absent. MV made a motion, JR seconded and all voted in favor of approving the minutes with the removal of LA and confirmation of the motions by roll call: JR, MV, DD, BF and LA all voted in favor.

Bills:

Payroll \$648.90 for Mia McDonald

Telegram and Gazette: 39.86

BF motioned, JR seconded and BF, MV & JR voted in favor of paying the bills.

Public Hearings:

Notice of Intent for 70 Maple Street Glenn Krevosky of EBT Environmental and Andrew Serrato, applicant and former owner, presented: the public hearing for this notice of intent and the application for the water quality certification began in August 2019. To date there is still no response from Mass DEP for the 401 Water Quality variance application. The Commission issued a certificate of compliance for the previous order of conditions issued in 1990. Mr. Serrato proposed to keep shed in the same location. The Commission discussed and determined the shed could stay if another location for the replication could be designed with the same square footage. Mr. Krevosky stated another location is not possible. It was determined the planting plan as proposed would be installed, including the removal of the shed.

JR made a motion, DD seconded and roll call vote: DD, MV, JR and BF voted to close the hearing. The order of conditions was discussed. The Commission decided to require the proposed restoration and replication plan, as well as permanent markers at wetland flags 2A, 4A and 7A, signs on post or approved other. MV made a motion, JR seconded and roll call vote: MV, JR, DD and BF voted to issue the Order of Conditions with the special conditions discussed.

Notice of Intent for 3 Old Lantern Circle Julian Votruba of New England Environmental Design and Rabih Jreuge, owner, presented: property currently under an enforcement order for addition of fill and installation of lawn in the buffer without a permit. Mr. Votruba delineated the wetland and prepared a

plan showing no work is/was proposed in the 15-foot buffer. The Commission approved the plan as submitted and work may proceed. DD made a motion, JR seconded and vote by roll call: JR, MV, DD, BF and LA voted to close the hearing. The Commission discussion special conditions and required permanent markers at wetland flags V12, V9 and V8, sign on post or approved other. JR made a motion, DD seconded and vote by roll call: JR, MV, DD, BF and LA voted to issue the order of conditions with the special conditions discussed.

Notice of Intent 1 Merry Lane Scott Morrison of EcoTec, Inc presented: proposed replacement of septic system outside the 100-foot buffer to the wetlands; only grading proposed within buffer. The system will have an impermeable barrier and erosion controls shall be installed as shown on the plan. MM visited the site and confirmed the wetland delineation.

Public comment: Craig Cutting of 28 Grove Street: asked if the Board of Health was present. LA replied that no one from the Board of Health was in attendance at this meeting. Mr. Cutting asked who will monitor the system? Mr. Morrison replied that the Board of Health will inspect the installation of the system, but the owner is responsible for maintenance.

DD made a motion and MV seconded, roll call vote: MV, JR, DD, BF and LA all voted to close the public hearing. The Commission discussed the special conditions and determined the standard boiler plate with septic conditions should be issued. JR made a motion, DD seconded and vote by roll call: MV, JR, DD, BF and LA voted to issue the order of conditions. Mr. Cutting wanted to discuss the project further but the hearing had been close. MM stated he could contact her with any questions outside the meeting.

141 Suomi Street, DEP File #257-0315 Request for Insignificant Project Change Robert Dupre, contractor, presented: EcoTec, Inc. submitted a letter evaluating the proposed changes, no site plan submitted, but only the house location is proposed to be changed. The limit of work, septic system and stormwater system locations are unchanged. MV made a motion, DD seconded and roll call vote: MV, DD, BF and LA all voted that the modified house location was an insignificant project change that does not require a new order of conditions.

Habitat for Humanity – possible lot at 436 Grove Street. Hank Rauch of Habitat for Humanity presented: Habitat for Humanity (HFH) has received a donation of land at 436 Grove Street that includes 11.8 acres that are adjacent to town soccer field and wetland resource areas. HFH intends to create one buildable house lot about 3 acres in size that meets all the zoning requirement to sell for fundraising. In speaking with Conservation staff, the remaining 8 acres would make excellent conservation land. Colin Novick of Greater Worcester Land Trust also supported the purchase of the 8 acres for conservation land and proposed that GWLT would apply for funding to purchase the 8 acres from HFH. HFH would use the funds for their fundraising. Mr. Novick said the property would be a candidate for a few different funding programs depending on the appraised value. The Commission discussed and agreed they would like to partner with GWLT on the purchase of the 8 acres by either applying for funding to purchase the land or willing to hold the conservation restriction if GWLT were to purchase the property. Mr. Novick stated the next step is for HFH to create the parcels and supply site plan to the Commission and GWLT for them to obtain an appraisal. MM asked the Commissioners if it was the consensus of the Commission to proceed with the purchase and/or protection of the 8 acres from HFH. By roll call: JR, DD, MV, BF and LA all stated they were in support of the project.

Chairman Anderson had technical difficulties and left the meeting. Vice Chairman Voorhis chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Eagle Scout Project: Illig Pond boardwalk bridge by Colin McDonald. Colin presented a budget of \$550 to \$600 for the replacement of the boardwalk bridge on the path leading away from the pond. MV made a motion, JR seconded and vote by roll call: MV, DD, BF and JR all voted in favor of approving the budget and reimbursement of the costs once the boardwalk bridge was completed. MM asked Colin to submit original receipts to her at the Conservation Office at Town Hall for reimbursement.

Other Business:

Correspondence:

None

Informal Discussion:

Sites Visited:

3 Old Lantern Circle – NOI application
1 Merry Lane – NOI application
516 Pleasant Street
Worcester County Memorial Park,
Pleasant Street/Fontaine (from Right of Way),
Route 31
Moore State Park – Dam replacement site inspection

BOH Plans & Building Permits:

2 Arrowhead Drive – Building permit application for fence
60 Davis Hill Road - Building permit application for 1 car garage
9 Hill St – Building application for deck within lawned area
1 Merry Lane – Board of Health permit application for septic system
51 Rockland Street - Board of Health permit application for septic system

Reminder of Upcoming Meeting Dates (confirm quorum): Thursday, November 12 and Thursday, December 10.

JR motioned and DD seconded and JR, DD, BF and MV voted by roll call to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mia McDonald,
Agent for the Conservation Commission



Reference Documents:

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

