



PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2020

Approved
6-11-20

Location and Time: Remote ZOOM Meeting 7:02pm-8:00pm

7:02 PM Meeting opened

Attendance:

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

Absent: Donmarie Desrosiers, Commissioner.

Others present: Mia McDonald, Cons. Agent, Rabih Jreuge, 3 Old Lantern Circle

Chairman Anderson read aloud the remote meeting guidelines.

Minutes April meeting were reviewed. JR made a motion, BF seconded and LA, BF, & JR voted in favor of approving the minutes; MV was dropped from the meeting due to internet connection at this time and did not vote.

Bills:

Payroll \$648:90 for Mia McDonald

BF motioned, JR seconded and LA, BF, JR, & MO voted in favor of paying the bills. MV was dropped from the meeting due to internet connection at this time and did not vote.

Public Hearings:

Notice of Intent for 70 Maple Street

No new information from the MassDEP or the applicant. MV made a motion, JR seconded and LA, BF, JR, MO & MV voted in favor of continuing the hearing to the next meeting of the Commission.

MM noted that the voting commissioners for the May hearing of this application are: MV, MO, JR, BF and DD.

Violation: 3 Old Lantern Circle

MassDEP contacted staff to report activity within wetland resource areas. MV and MM visited the site and found 3'+ fill within the buffer and possibly within the wetland resource areas. Met with owner on site, Rabih Jreuge. Enforcement Order issued to cease and desist all site work, install erosion controls and file a notice of intent application for the installation of a lawn within the buffer to wetland resource area and possible wetland restoration.

Mr. Jreuge was present at the meeting and requested to remove bittersweet vines from dead tree beyond the limit or work (installed erosion controls.) The Commission discussed and agreed to allow the removal of the bittersweet, but no other vegetation until the 15-foot buffer was established by a wetland delineation.

MV made a motion, JR seconded and all voted in favor of ratifying the enforcement order.

Other Business:

Correspondence:

None

Informal Discussion: Moore State Parks conditions and volunteer support

Continued to June meeting.

Informal Discussion: 518 Pleasant Street: The Commission noticed that the brush pile that was to be burned has been pushed into the wetlands. Staff was requested to conduct a site visit with the owner.

Sites Visited:

16 Eagle Lane (cutting in the wetland resource areas),
Olivia Knoll,
Worcester County Memorial Park,
Pleasant Street/Fontaine (from Right of Way),
Route 31,
134 Davis Hill Road – parking near wetlands by park visitors
3 Old Lantern Circle – violation reported
115 West Street – inground pool proposed within 100' buffer

BOH Plans & Building Permits: 78 Suomi Street.

Reminder of Upcoming Meeting Dates (confirm quorum): Thursday, June 11, Thursday, July 9

JR motioned and MV seconded and LA, BF, JR, MO & MV voted to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51PM.

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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