



Paxton Conservation Commission

Minutes, April 12, 2012 Meeting

Location and Time Paxton Town Hall 7:40 – 9:40 pm

Attendance Commissioners: Chris Keenan (chair), Justin Thackeray (vice-chair), Marisa Ayvazian, James Robert, Daniel Gehnrich, Holly Robert (Associate). Absent: Michael Voorhis. Others present: M. & B. Gaska, George Kiritsy.

Minutes Minutes of the February 16, 2012 special meeting were approved; approval of the minutes of the March 8th meeting was deferred until the May meeting.

Public Hearings:

NONE

Miscellaneous

- Enforcement order at **8 McCann Place**. There has been no filling within the wetland, but there is filling within the buffer zone. Commissioners agreed with this assessment, but want to see the current wetland line in the spring. Homeowners agreed to file a Notice of Intent.
- The closed public hearing on the Notice of Intent for home construction and septic systems at **Lots 1 & 2 Davis Hill Road** at the March 2012 meeting ended without a vote approving the order of conditions. A motion was made by Jim Robert to approve an Order of Conditions for Lot 1 with the special conditions as marked; motion was seconded by Gehnrich and carried unanimously. A separate motion to approve a standard order of conditions, with special conditions as marked, was made for lot 2 by Jim Robert, seconded by Ayvazian; motion carried unanimously.
- A request for a certificate of compliance was received for **4 Blackhill Lane**. Work was performed in 1987. Keenan visited, but after discussion is unsure whether he saw the correct lot; he will return and confirm at the next meeting.
- No wetlands concerns at **92 Richards Avenue** and **18 Forestdale Road**.
- A letter from Holly Robert was received, dated April 12, 2012, concerning tree-planting activity on their land. The Roberts recused themselves from discussion. A conservation plan and active forest cutting plan is in place. Commissioners agreed that the proposed work is an exempt agricultural activity that does not require a permit.
- A septic plan for the Senior Housing Development was received from David Ross and Associates. The 100' buffer zone is now marked on the plan and all work is outside the jurisdictional area for the commission. The silt-fence requested at the 100' line by the commission is also marked.
- A suggestion was made to have a town-wide education initiative to increase understanding of wetlands.
- Keenan will visit **10 Bel Arbor Drive**.
- Love/Robert wetlands issues at **313 Richards Avenue**: Keenan reported sending an email to Mark Love requesting him to attend tonight; Love responded that he is too busy as a CPA in April to attend, he will attend in May. The court case is over, use of the land by the Loves was deemed reasonable; the Loves were determined to have trespassed, but no damages were awarded; the removal of the pipes on the Loves property means that the trespass is no longer occurring. The Roberts are continuing to request enforcement of Town drinking water regulations. During the court case the Loves accept that a second stream is present on their plans, but is not marked. The Roberts suggest that the Loves are therefore violating the WPA because horses are being kept within 100' of this stream. Data is still needed from the Loves to know whether flows from the streams leaving the Love property have increased.

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on Thursday, May 10th at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Thackeray