



**PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
*October 10, 2019*

Approved  
11/14/19

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**Location and Time:** John Bauer Senior Center 7:03pm-9:04pm

**7:03 PM Meeting opened**

**Attendance:**

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

Absent: Holly Robert, Assoc. Member.

Others present: Mia McDonald, Cons. Agent, Tom Savage, 5 Indian Hill Road, Scott Morrison, EcoTec, Inc., Kevin Quinn, Quinn Engineering, Christine Reilly, Highland Village, Ann Connolly, Highland Village.

**Minutes from September 12 meeting were reviewed**, edits made, JR made a motion, MV seconded and all voted in favor of approving the minutes with edits.

**Bills:**

Payroll \$648.90

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

Correspondence: MA Department of Conservation and Recreation letter on Water Supply Protection Areas with list of properties that could be affected.

**Public Hearings:**

**Continued Notice of Intent for Village Road off Forestdale Road (aka Highland Village, Map 18 Lot 24)** by Paul Tocci, Jr, Manager, GAPCO, LLC for construction of residential subdivision and associated site work within the buffer zone of a wetland resource area. Scott Morrison of EcoTec and Kevin Quinn of Quinn Engineering, present.

Kevin Quinn presented an update on the current status of the construction: the road was binder paved, but it needs to be replaced and a top coat added, the infiltration chambers that were to be located behind units 34/36 were never constructed. KQ submitted a letter dated 10/3/2019 stating that units 34/36 were constructed, but not completed. The units remaining to be constructed are #s 9/11, 13/15, 38/40, and 25/27, for a total of four buildings. The wetlands were delineated and report submitted by EcoTec, Inc. MM confirmed the wetland delineation.

MM requested, the Commission agreed the following revisions are needed to the proposed plans:

- Show catch basin insert protection

- Details on stockpile management; cover and secure daily.
- The culvert between AA and AC wetlands series shall be maintained and kept clear as part of the ongoing operation and maintenance of the stormwater system.
- Update stormwater report to include the infiltration chambers to be located behind units 34/36.

\*The updated stormwater operation and maintenance plan is to be fully appended to the recorded order of conditions.

MM also stated that she spoke with the resident at unit #23 when asking for permission to access the wetlands in the back of the property. The resident stated that her unit and the adjoining unit suffer from recent flooding issues (less than 2 years) and both units paid to have a French drain installed around the entire foundation. MM suggested including this in the design of the proposed units adjacent to units 21/23.

Public comment solicited. Ann Connely of Highland Village asked about the road. KQ stated it would be re-paved.

JR made a motion, MV seconded and it was voted 5-0 (MO abstained) to close the public hearing.

JR made a motion, DD seconded and it was voted 5-0 (MO abstained) to issue an order of conditions with the plan revisions conditioned to be approved administratively prior to the start of work and the updated stormwater report appended to the Order.

### **Request for Certificate of Compliance –**

Village Road off Forestdale Road (aka Highland Village, Map 18 Lot 24, DEP File #257-0275)  
Based on the previous hearing discussion, JR made a motion, MV seconded and all voted in favor of issuing a certificate of compliance for the completion of unit numbers 1/3, 4/6, 5/7, 12/14, 16/18, 17/19, 20/22, 21/23, 26/28, 30/32, 42/44, 46/48 and house numbers 24 and 35.

222 Richards Ave (fka 218/Lot 2 Richards Ave), Map 17 Parcel 31B, DEP File #257-0302  
MM visited the site and confirmed all was constructed as approved and that an as-built and written statement have been received. JR made a motion, DD seconded and all voted in favor of issuing the Certificate of Compliance.

Informal Discussion: 5 Indian Hill Road. KQ present with Tom Savage, son of the owner. The house is being sold and has a septic system that needs to be upgraded to meet Title V. The system is not in failure, no breakout and no one living at the home, therefore not eligible for an emergency certification. The intermittent stream confirmed to be located at #3 and #7 Indian Hill Road flows through a culvert under the lawn at #5 Indian Hill Road. The Commission tried to ascertain when the stream was culverted to determine if a violation occurred or if the work was grandfathered. Mr, Savage and DD (who grew up in #7 Indian Hill Road) both stated they believe the culvert was placed in the mid to late 1980s. This Commission discussed and confirmed it is a violation and must be restored. But to allow the septic to be replaced, creating an improved condition, the Commission would waive the local setbacks and allow the system to be piped under the stream and maintenance access to the leaching field maintained. KQ requested an expedited timeline. The Commission offered to host a special meeting on October 24 to hear a notice of intent application for the septic replacement and the restoration of the stream.

**Notice of Intent for 70 Maple Street**

No one was present for this hearing. Glenn Krevosky of EBT Environmental was called by phone. Mr. Krevosky stated the applicant had not yet received confirmation from the state for the 401 Water Quality application, and he requested a continuance to the November 14 meeting.

MV made a motion, DD seconded and all voted in favor of continuing the hearing to the next meeting of the Commission.

**Other Business:**

**Dumping on Briarcliff Lane:** it was determined that the dumping of vegetation/lawn waste at the end of Briarcliff Lane was now located on the newly obtained parcel of the Greater Worcester Land Trust. The Commission discussed and decided to defer the discussion until the spring to see if the dumping would be addressed after the acquisition of the properties by the Land Trusts.

**Sites Visited:**

5 Indian Hill Road, 17 Keep Ave, 488 Marshall St (Lot 1), 85 Richards Ave, 119 West St, 20 Wildewood Drive, Olivia Knoll, Worcester County Memorial Park, Pleasant Street/Fontaine (from Right of Way).

**BOH Plans & Building Permits:**

5 Indian Hill Road, 17 Keep Ave, 488 Marshall St (Lot 1), 85 Richards Ave, 119 West St, 20 Wildewood Drive

- Reminder of Upcoming Meeting Dates (confirm quorum):
  - Thursday, November 14, 2019
  - Thursday, December 12, 2019

MO motioned and JR seconded to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Mia McDonald,  
Agent for the Conservation Commission

**Reference Documents:**

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