



PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2019

Accepted 10/11/2019

Location and Time: John Bauer Senior Center 7:01pm-8:53pm

7:01 PM Meeting opened

Attendance:

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

Absent: Mike Oxford, Commissioner

Others present: Mia McDonald, Cons. Agent, Eriona Hoxha, Scott Morrison, EcoTec, Inc., Kevin Quinn, Quinn Engineering, Glenn Krevosky, EBT Environmental, Andrew Serrato, Christine Reilly, Highland Village, Ann Connolly, Highland Village, Michael Coomey, 17 Keep Ave, Colin Novick, Greater Worcester Land Trust, Richard Fenton, Paxton Land Trust.

Minutes from August 8 meeting were reviewed, edits made, MV made a motion, JR seconded and all voted in favor of approving the minutes with no edits.

Bills:

Payroll \$648.90

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

Public Hearings:

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. Abutters were notified, hearing was opened. Mr. Morrison explained that there was an order of conditions in 2012 and the work was not completed, the order has since expired. The 2012 plans were submitted with notes added as to what has been completed and what remains. Mr. Morrison proposed to send a surveyor to pick up the new wetland flags that were recently placed to delineate the current wetland line, and to submit a request for certificate of compliance for the portions of the work that have been completed. Mr. Quinn stated his firm will inspect the site to determine what was completed and what work remains outstanding. MM stated that the Commission has issued a certificate of compliance and an order of condition for remaining work in the same meeting to close old project and permit all new work under new order.

LA asked for public comment. Ms. Riley and Ms. Connelly of the Highland Village Board asked when the work was to begin. Mr. Morrisson responded that the client was hopeful work would

begin in October or November. They asked if any of the existing homes would be found to have problems. Mr. Quinn said he did not know, but it was unlikely. Mr. Morrison requested to continue the hearing to October 10, 2019. MV motioned, JR seconded, all voted in favor of continuing the hearing to October 10.

Notice of Intent for 70 Maple Street

Glenn Krevosky of EBT Environmental presented a plan to restore and replicate the wetlands altered in the rear of the property. Restoration would be completed near the pool, replication area shall be to the east in the location of the existing shed. The existing shed shall be moved forward. A small vegetated upland area shall be cleared and a lawn/shed area created. Mr. Krevosky explained the wetland delineation, which was reviewed in the field by MV, BF, JR and MM. Mr. Krevosky explained the position of the headwater wetlands and the soils depicting the elevations for inundated conditions, as well as his plan to replicate at such an elevation to allow the wetland to successfully establish with the existing system. Mr. Krevosky shall oversee the excavation and installation of plantings.

Mr. Andrew Serrato, owner, present, explained his commitment to complete the work as soon as possible, even though the home was passing to a new owner; funds were held back in the sale.

The DEP file number and comments were not yet issued for this project. At the request of Mr. Serrato, the Commission agreed to try to hold a special meeting if the file number and comments were received and addressed. Special conditions were discussed, including:

1. The work shall be overseen by a wetlands specialist with over 2 years experience.
2. The restoration and replication areas shall have at last 75% vegetated success at each growth level (brush, shrub, tree,) or the failed plants shall be replaced and conditions checked the next growing season. A certificate of compliance shall not be issued until there is 75% success at each growth level for two subsequent growing seasons.
3. The following reports shall be required:
 - i. Progress report after initial installation detailing what work was completed and current status.
 - ii. Interim progress report after the first growing season detailing the percent cover/success and any additional action.
 - iii. Interim progress report after any subsequent growing if replacement is necessary.
 - iv. Final report detailing what is successfully growing, with at least 75% cover at each growth level.
4. The restoration and replication areas shall be planted according the planting plan by September 1, 2020.
5. The restoration and replication/planting plan shall be appended to the Order.
6. Permanent markers shall be installed at least two feet from the resources areas to permanently mark the location of the resource area. These markers shall be installed from wetland flag #2A southwest to encompass the replication area AND from wetland flag 7A to 8A. The markers may be a fence, boulders, granite monuments or shrubs. All markers shall be at least 24 inches in height and allow for the passage of water and wildlife.

The applicant requested the hearing is continued to the next meeting of the Commission. MV mad a motion, DD seconded and all voted in favor of continuing the hearing to the next meeting of the Commission.

Notice of Intent for 17 Keep Ave, Map 12 Lot 71 DEP File #257-321

Presented by Michael Coomey, owner. Mr. Coomey would like to construct a two-car detached garage within the buffer zone of a wetland resource area adjacent to his property. MM visited the site and delineated the wetlands along the side and rear of the property in order to assist the homeowner in finding the preferred location of the garage. Mr. Coomey is proposing to place garage in the side yard, as far as possible on the property from the resource areas. The Commission discussed and requested the erosion control line is placed at least 18 feet from the resource areas.

Chairman asked for public comment, hearing none, DD motioned and MV seconded, all voted in favor to close the public hearing.

MV motioned, JR seconded, all voted in favor to issue an order of conditions with the standard Paxton special conditions.

Other Business:

0 Pleasant Street & 20 Briarcliff Lane – Letter of Support request for conservation from Greater Worcester Land Trust and White Oak Land Trust. Colin Novick of Greater Worcester Land Trust and Richard Fenton of the Paxton Land Trust presented the collaboration between the GWLT, PLT and White Oak Land Trust to purchase and protect the land with a conservation restriction. Mr. Novick requested a letter of support for the proposed purchase. The Commission discussed, expressed their full support, and voted to issue a letter of support to the Board of Selectmen in favor of the project.

Request for Certificate of Compliance for 56 Davis Hill Road, Map 18, Parcel 186B, DEP File #257-305. The Commission discussed the request. MM stated the site was constructed as approved and as-built received. JR made a motion, MV seconded and all voted in favor of issuing the Certificate of Compliance.

Sites Visited:

Olivia Knoll, Worcester County Memorial Park, Pleasant Street/Fontaine (from Right of Way), , 5 Mount View Drive, 70 Maple Street, 56 Davis Hill Rd, 929 Pleasant Street.

BOH Plans & Building Permits:

82 Davis Hill Road – BOH Septic Replacement (no wetland resource areas)

- Reminder of Upcoming Meeting Dates (confirm quorum):
 - Thursday, October 10, 2019
 - Thursday, November 14, 2019

JR motioned and DD seconded to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mia McDonald,

Agent for the Conservation Commission

Reference Documents:

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