



Paxton Conservation Commission  
Minutes  
May 10, 2012 Meeting

**Location and Time:** Paxton Town Hall 7:44 – 9:25 pm

**Attendance Commissioners:** Chris Keenan (chair), Michael Voorhis, Jim Robert, Marisa Ayvazian, Holly Robert (associate). **Absent:** Justin Thackeray (vice chair). **Others:** Richard Fenton, Mark Love, B. Gaska, M. Gaska, Mike Murphy, Kevin Quinn.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the April meeting were not available for review.

**Public Hearings:**

**Spaulding Woods – Request for Modified Order of Conditions** – Kevin Quinn presented a revised plan for the Spaulding Woods Subdivision off Pleasant Street (Rt 122). Based on revisions required during the Planning Board review process, the development plans have changed slightly. The revised plan reflects a change in the number of lots in the subdivision, from 6 to 5. An entire roadway and culdesac have been eliminated, reducing the road network from two roads, down to a single roadway. The roadway wetland crossing remains in the same location, but represents a reduction in the wetland area altered. The replication area remains the same in size and location as previously permitted. The area previously known as the town dump has been removed from all proposed residential lots, so that no portion of the old dump falls on lots containing houses. All drainage basins remain in the same locations as previously approved, but are reduced in size based on less roadway, and less lot development. The Commission voted unanimously to close the hearing on a motion from JR and second by MV. The Commission will execute the Orders next hearing, based on the grant of an extension by the applicant (Mr. Quinn).

**RDA Richards Avenue – Robert** – Continued to next month as the Commission lacked a quorum for this project.

**1 Ridgewood Road** – Mike Murphy represented the applicant at 1 Ridgewood Road, for the replacement of a failed septic system. CK met with MM previously on site and reviewed the wetland delineation. CK concurred with the flagging and agreed the swale discharging from the existing catch basin in the roadway was not a protected resource. Haybale and silt fence are proposed during construction to prevent sediment from leaving the site. CK requested extra protection in the form of haybales around the existing catch basin. The Commission voted to unanimously approve the project on a motion by MV and second by JR, with the one special condition that the existing catch basin be protected with haybales and silt sack.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Holly Robert requested an update on her reimbursement for attending wetland seminars.
- Richard Fenton from the Open Space Committee presented a revised Open Space Plan which had recently expired. To obtain grant monies from CMRPC, the Commission must be party to the grant. On a motion by MV and second by JR, the Commission voted to approve to sign the grant request.
- Kettlebrook Golf Club enforcement order signed by the Commission. CK met with Michael Marrone of Kettlebrook Golf Club to explain the expectations of the Commission. MM will hire wetland specialist to handle enforcement order and permitting requirements.
- The Certificate of Compliance for 4 Blackhill Road shall not be issued until the previously existing violations can be verified. CK to speak with Robert Bertin.

- A duplicate Certificate of Compliance was issued for 8 Meadowbrook Dr.
- Mr. and Mrs. Gaska of McCann Place presented a draft of their Notice of Intent filing. The Commission agreed it was in order, and that it could be placed on the agenda for next month.
- CK to talk with Fire Chief and DPW director regarding debris piles at Illigs pond.
- PCC signage at Illigs pond is in disrepair and should be updated.
- The clearing occurring on Streeter Road is considered an agricultural exemption to the Wetland Protection Act, and the land is in Ch. 61B.
- CK to contact Donna Parsons re: website updates

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Keenan - Chair

