



**PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 13, 2019**

**DRAFT**

**Location and Time:** John Bauer Senior Center 7:02pm-8:36pm

**7:02 PM Meeting opened**

**Attendance:**

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

**Others present:** Mia McDonald, Cons. Agent,

**Absent:** Holly Robert, Assoc. Member; Mike Oxford, Commissioner.

**7:02PM Public Meeting**

**Correspondence:**

Approved Forestry Management Plan for Worcester Reservoirs  
Letter from CT River Conservancy re: Fundraiser  
Financial Account Statements

**Public Hearings:**

**Notice of Intent for 3 Olivia Knoll (aka Lot 1) Map 11 Lot 16G DEP File #257-317**

Presented by Scott Jordan of EcoTec and by Robert Clark for construction of a single-family home with associated grading, driveway, retaining wall, utilities, septic, cultec recharge chambers, landscaping and associated site work within the 100-foot buffer of wetland resource areas. Mr. Clark stated the water easement shown on the plan has been extinguished. The Commission discussed the proposed house location within the 15' and 30' restrictive buffers from the recently passed Paxton Wetlands Bylaw and decided this project is exempt from the new bylaw because the house lots were designed and approved as part of a subdivision plan that was approved in 2011. Due to the water easement no longer restricting the site, the Commission requested the proposed house location is moved further from the wetland resource areas, if possible. LA requested public comment. None given.

Mr. Jordan requested to continue the hearing to July 8 to modify the plans. JR made a motion, DD seconded and all voted in favor of continuing the hearing to July 8.

**Notice of Intent for 4 Olivia Knoll (aka Lot 5) Map 11 Lot 16K DEP File #257-318**

Presented by Scott Jordan of EcoTec and by Robert Clark for construction of a single-family home with associated septic system, driveway, retaining wall, grading, landscaping and associated site work within the 100-foot buffer of wetland resource areas. Mr. Jordan confirmed the retaining wall was located along the 30' buffer. The Commission discussed the project and determined the wall would serve as a suitable barrier to the resource areas. LA requested public comment. None given.

JR motioned, MV seconded and all voted in favor of closing the hearing.

JR motioned, MV seconded and all voted in favor of issuing an Order of Conditions with the standard conditions and PCC special conditions for septic systems.

**Notice of Intent for 5 Olivia Knoll (aka Lot 2) Map 11 Lot 16H DEP File #257-319**

Presented by Scott Jordan of EcoTec and by Robert Clark for construction of a single-family home, grading, utilities and associated site work within the 100-foot buffer of wetland resource areas. Mr. Clark stated the proposed house location may move 17 feet closer the street and further from the wetland

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resource areas as requested by the homeowner to create a larger backyard area. LA requested public comment. None given.

JR motioned, DD seconded and all voted in favor of closing the hearing.

MV motioned, JR seconded and all voted in favor of issuing an Order of Conditions with the standard conditions and PCC special conditions for septic systems, as well as the conditions that 3 "Do Not Disturb – Wetland Resource Area" signs are installed no closer than 15 feet from the wetland resource areas. One sign is to be at the rear of the property along the edge of the lawn, two signs are to be placed along the western edge of the property. Mounted on trees or on posts.

**Draft Wetlands Regulations Discussion** – Solicitation of public comment on the proposed regulations that support the Paxton Wetlands Bylaw. No public comment offered. JR motioned, MV seconded and all voted in favor of adopting the wetland regulations as written except for the fees as they are yet to be determined.

**Request for Certificate of Compliance – None**

**Sites Visited:** Peters Lane, Pine Street, 313 Richards Ave (from adjacent property), Olivia Knoll, Worcester County Memorial Park, Pleasant Street/Fontaine (from Right of Way), Moore State Park Eames Pond Dam,

**BOH Plans & Building Permits:** Peters Lane (above ground pool/approved), 72 Davis Hill Road (waiting on information from engineer.)

**Other Business:**

- **Reminder of Upcoming Meeting Dates (confirm quorum):**
  - Thursday, July 11, 2019
  - Thursday, August 8, 2019
- The Commission reported tree cutting between 592 and 604 Pleasant Street. MM to investigate.
- Illig's Pond Trail: Jeff Cormier of Recreation Commission reports the bridge to the trail may be in need of maintenance or replacement. JR also reported tree was downed across trail and offered to remove it.

JR motioned and BF seconded to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Mia McDonald,

Agent for the Conservation Commission

**Reference Documents:**

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