



## **PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**October 11, 2018**

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**Location and Time:** John Bauer Senior Center 7:03pm-8:59pm

#### **7:03 PM Meeting opened**

##### **Attendance:**

Commissioners: Lenny Anderson, Chairman; Mike Voorhis, Vice Chairman; Jim Robert, Commissioner; Bob Ferguson, Commissioner; Donmarie Desrosiers, Commissioner (7:35pm).

Others present: Mia McDonald, Cons. Agent, Marc Curtis, Resident, Mark Farrell, Green Hill Engineering, Nate Lane, buyer of 141 Suomi Street, Chris Keenan, Quinn Engineering.

Absent: Holly Robert, Assoc. Member.

**Minutes:** Minutes of September meeting were reviewed. JR motioned and BF seconded, and it was voted 3-0 to approve the minutes with corrections on the attendance list, MV abstaining.

**Bills:** Telegram and Gazette Legal Ad: \$21.84 and Agent \$630 payroll bill. JR motioned and MV seconded; all voted in favor of paying the bills.

##### **Correspondence:**

Letter from Nashua River Watershed Association

Letter from MACC containing membership cards

Letter from MA DCR regarding changes to forestry regulations

**Project Change Request: Spaulding Woods Development:** Chris Keenan of Quinn Engineering discussed email sent from Kevin Quinn to Mia McDonald. It was requested that 2 copies and a PDF of Sheet 6 of the plan set showing riprap near the culvert is submitted to the Commission for their files. Change found to be insignificant.

**Project Change Request: Lot 16A Pleasant Street:** Chris Keenan of Quinn Engineering discussed site visit requested by Kim O'Neill of Clark & Mott to the site. MM noted deviations from the approved plan, including a different layout of basins, channels and overflow, as well as wider area of lawn along the edge of driveway. These changes can be addressed in a Request for Certificate of Compliance, along with an as-built and statement regarding the size and functionality of the basins and a statement regarding the status of the restoration area along the drive. Not enough information provided to determine if the change is significant.

##### **Informal Discussion**

Informal Discussion: Marc Curtis's lot with frontage on South Street and West Street. Chris Keenan from Quinn Engineering present to request a letter of support from the Commission to the Planning Board for a common driveway at the location. No previous Notice of Intent or Order found for the site. The Commission discussed the request and decided not to issue a letter. The Commission did state that their goal is to protect wetlands and minimize impacts to resource areas, including the reduction of impervious surface. But the Commission did not wish to enter into the Planning Board's decision on the parcel.

##### **New Business:**

##### **Public Hearings:**

**Notice of Intent for 141 Suomi Street (Lot 6), Map 13 Lot 5-6** by Brookfield Realty Trust for proposed construction of a single-family house, driveway, septic, well and associated site work within the buffer zone of a wetland resource area. Mark Farrell of Green Hill Engineering and Marc Curtis present. The sitework was initiated under previous Order of Conditions: well and driveway were constructed but not completed. The location of the drive and house were approved in 2014, prior to the Paxton Wetlands Bylaw. The Commission discussed and agreed that this work was previously approved, including the driveway within the 30-foot buffer of the resource area. DEP issued comments that the wetland line should be confirmed prior to issuance of any Order. The Commission discussed the 2014 stormwater plan and chose to accept and append it as part of this Order. The Commission also asked for haybales instead of straw wattles along with the siltation fence. JR motioned and DD seconded and all voted in favor to close the hearing.

JR motioned, DD seconded and all voted in favor of issuing an Order of Conditions with the following:

1. Confirmation of wetland boundary by the Commission or its Agent prior to the issuance of the Order.
2. Append 2014 stormwater plan to the Order.
3. Haybales and silt fence shall be the erosion control barrier.

**Request for Certificate of Compliance for 141 Suomi Street (Lot 6), Map 13 Lot 5-6 DEP File #257-0286** by Brookfield Realty Trust. JR motioned, BF seconded and all voted in favor of issuing a certificate of compliance as the work was never completed and no work shall occur until the new Order of Conditions is in place.

**Other Business:**

**349 Marshall Street-** The Commission discussed the site visit: no dumping or other type of vandalism or trespass present. JR motioned, MV seconded and all voted in favor of soliciting quotes for appraisal of the backland for purchase of a Conservation Restriction.

**Draft Regulations Discussion:**

The Commission decided to add Section 1 from the Northborough regulations as that was the town most used in the current draft. MM to compile and send out for review.

Town Owned Land Committee – MV volunteered to represent the Commission on the Committee.

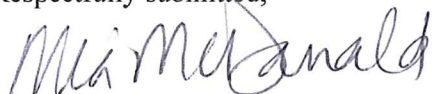
BOH Plans & Building Permits: 713 Pleasant Street, 73 Davis Hill Road

Sites Visited: 9 Forestdale Road, 58 Grove Street, 222 Richards Ave, Lot 16A Pleasant St, Pleasant St/Clark Property: site inspection from road, 489 West St

Upcoming Meetings: November 8 and December 6 (moved from Dec 13)

JR motioned and BF seconded to close the hearing. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Mia McDonald,  
Agent for the Conservation Commission

**Reference Documents:**

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

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