



PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

July 19, 2018

Location and Time: John Bauer Senior Center 7:00pm-9:53pm

7:00 PM Meeting opened

Attendance:

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

Others present: Mia McDonald, Cons. Agent, Cindy & Mark Love, applicants, Glenn Krevosky of EBT Environmental, David Fontaine & Ellen Smith, applicants, Bob Desrosiers of Dig In Deep, Joyce & Mike Keegan, residents, Jeff Cormier, Resident.

Minutes: Minutes of June meeting were reviewed. TL motioned and MV seconded to approve the minutes with one change.

Bills: Agent \$630 payroll bill. TL motioned and MV seconded; all voted in favor of paying the bill. MACC Annual Dues \$417 MV motioned and TL seconded; all voted in favor of paying the bill. One Deposit for \$75 for fees for Request for Determination for 313 Richards Ave.

Correspondence:

Letter from Ocean River Institute offering workshop and requesting membership

Public Hearings

(Continued) Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation on a lot on Pleasant Street (Map 27 Lot 166) by David Fontaine. DEP File No. 257-0311. Glenn Krevosky representing David Fontaine and Ellen Smith, all present. Mr. Krevosky presented additions to the wetland delineation on the plans including the change in location of the perennial stream to the other side of Route 122 by the US Geological Survey; all flags have been rehung in the field, as well as the bank flags have been staked.

JR suggested a peer review due to the complicated nature of the resource areas. The Commission discussed and decided to visit the site and inspect the wetland delineation prior to requiring a peer review.

No public comment was offered. A site visit was scheduled for Saturday, July 21 a 8am. HR requested to visit the site another time and Mr. Fontaine requested that an appointment is made with Mr. Krevosky to visit the site. Mr. Krevosky requested a continuance to the August 16 meeting. TL motioned, MV seconded and all voted in favor of continuing the hearing to August 16.

Request for Determination of Applicability for 313 Richards Ave (Map 17 Lot 38B) by Mark Love for Tree Removal within the 100-foot buffer of a restored wetland resource area.

Mark and Cindy Love, homeowners, presented a set of two trees to be removed from their property within the 100-foot buffer to the wetland resource areas on their property. JR and HR recused themselves of this

hearing and discussion. TL and MM had previously attended a site visit. Mr. Love emailed the Commission a detailed scope of work, including access through existing cart path the leaving the stumps to remain with no ground disturbance; work is expected to be completed in one day. The Commission discussed. TL motioned and DD seconded to issue a negative determination of applicability to remove the trees as detailed in the supporting narrative email and to stabilize any ground that may be disturbed within the 100-foot buffer within 24 hours.

Request for Extension of Order of Conditions for 217 Richards Ave (Map 17 Parcel 50) by Worcester County Memorial Park, DEP File No. 257-0283. Bob Desrosiers of Dig In Deep represented Brain Killelea of Worcester County Memorial Park. JR and HR recused themselves of this hearing and discussion. Mr. Desrosiers stated that the work in the current Order of Conditions has begun, including tree removal, installation of erosion controls and the creation of two berms to control sediment and prevent runoff into resource areas. MM visited the site and confirms that the site is in compliance. *Photos were received at the meeting detailing the work. Mr. Desrosiers stated that test pits shall be conducted in the new garden, called Area 1, to determine depth to groundwater; test pits shall occur within the existing limit of work and erosion controls.* BF asked for how long is the extension request. Mr. Desrosiers requested a three-year extension. No public comment was offered. MV made a motion, TL seconded and all voted in favor of extending the existing order of conditions for 3 years from the current expiration date.

Informal Discussion

Jeff Cormier of 349 Marshall Street led a discussion with the Commissioners on the possible donation of the rear 7 acres of his parcel to the Conservation Commission through a Conservation Easement or Restriction. The Commission reviewed maps provided by Mr. Cormier showing the parcel abuts current Conservation Commission and MA Department of Conservation and Recreation land and is mostly wetlands. The Commission shall perform a site visit.

Other Items:

1. Letter of Support for Conservation Restriction by Paxton Conservation Commission and land acquisition by the Greater Worcester Land Trust.

The Commission reviewed a letter of support to Secretary Matthew Beaton, Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs to state their full support of and highly recommend the acquisition of the 72+ acre parcel of land located off Marshall Street and Lancelot Drive by the Greater Worcester Land Trust, known in our Assessor's records as map 13 parcels 3 & 3A, map 19 parcel 2 and referred to as of the Difley Forest Homestead for a Conservation Partnership Grant from the Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs. JR motioned and MV seconded, all voted in favor to sign and send the letter of support. The letter was signed by the Chairman.

2. **Vote to enact Paxton Wetlands Bylaw** as approved by the 2017 Paxton Town Meeting and the Massachusetts Attorney General
MV motioned and JR seconded and all voted in favor to enact Paxton Wetlands Bylaw as approved by the 2017 Paxton Town Meeting and the Massachusetts Attorney General.
3. Existing Orders of Conditions Discussion – MV provided a checklist to track projects. MM to modify and update the text version.
4. Draft Regulations Discussion – The Commissioners discussed the four previously selected example regulations from the towns of Boxford, Northborough, Leicester and Stow. Requests included:

- a. Provision of applications in PDF form and folded, not rolled plans.
- b. Definitions section
- c. Creation of a table of contents for the next meeting
- d. Draft of the definition of a building, as well as the 15 and 30 foot restrictions.

Upcoming meeting dates:

August 16 and September 13

Permit plans received:

BOH Plan for 6 Birch Street

BOH Plan for 18 Monticello Street

BOH Plan for 18 Crowningshield Drive

Site Visit Conducted:

Building permit for 9 Elm Street Street

BOH Plan for 8 Lawrence Street

Multiple site visits to Worcester County Memorial Park

TL motioned and DD seconded to close the hearing. The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Mia McDonald,

Agent for the Conservation Commission

Reference Documents:

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

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