



## **PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**June 14, 2018**

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**Location and Time:** John Bauer Senior Center 7:09pm-8:24pm

**7:09 PM Meeting opened**

**Attendance:**

Commissioners: Lenny Anderson, Chairman; Mike Voorhis, Vice Chairman; Jim Robert, Commissioner; Tim Luring, Commissioner; Bob Ferguson, Commissioner;

Absent: Holly Robert, Assoc. Member; Donmarie Desrosiers, Commissioner.

Others present: Mia McDonald, Cons. Agent, Cindy Love, resident, Mark Love, resident, Mike Keegan, resident.

**Minutes:** Minutes of May meeting were reviewed. TL motioned and JR seconded to approve the minutes with no changes.

**Bills: Telegram and Gazette bill for** MM Agent \$630 payroll bill. TL motioned and JR seconded; all voted in favor of paying the bill.

**Correspondence:**

Monthly Accounts Statement from Town Accountant

Letter from Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners stating that Leonard Anderson has completed all of the Fundamentals for Conservation Commissioner Courses.

Letter from FEMA that there shall be an upcoming review of floodplain

**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. Continuance requested prior to the meeting by Glenn Krevosky due to lack of quorum. MV motioned, TL seconded and all voted in favor of continuing the hearing to the July 19 meeting.

**Informal Discussion:**

**313 Richards Ave – Tree Removal**

Mark and Cindy Love, homeowners, presented a set of five trees to be removed from their property within the 100-foot buffer to the wetland resource areas on their property. TL and MM attended a site visit and measured the nearest tree at 70 feet from restored wetland area. 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.

**Existing Orders of Conditions**

At HR's request, MM compiled a list of all open orders of conditions and all determination of applicability within the past three years. The list shall be reviewed at the July meeting to get HR's input. The Commission would like the list to be maintained into the future. The Commission would like copies

of the WPA Form 8A – Request for Certificate of Compliance to be available at meetings to give to applicants to encourage filing for a Certificate of Compliance once projects are completed.

### **Draft Regulations Discussion**

The Commission discussed that they would like to begin the drafting regulations to accompany the bylaw. They requested digital copies, via email, of the regulations for the towns of Northborough, Boxborough, Stow and Leicester. The Commission had selected these regulations as desirable examples in the past and all four towns have granted the Commission permission to re-use portions of the regulations. The Commission asked for an item to be placed on the July agenda to vote to put in place the Paxton Wetlands Bylaw as voted at the 2017 town meeting and already approved by the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office.

### **Upcoming meeting dates:**

June 14 and July 19

Permit plans received:

BOH Plan for 185 West Street

Building permit for 713 Pleasant Street

Building permit for 12 Nipmuck Road

The Commission requested an ad in the Holden Landmark to solicit new members.

Site Visit Conducted:

5/26 - Lot 16A Pleasant Street: MM viewed from drive; house constructed

5/26 – Worcester County Memorial Park: MM visited the Park with Bob Desrosiers to review project, and to inspect piles near.

6/9 – 313 Richards Ave: TL and MM visited to view 5 proposed trees for removal.

6/10 – Worcester County Memorial Park: MM visited the Park with Bob Desrosiers to review limit of clearing, initial erosion controls and further discuss stabilization of stockpiles near road. It was agreed to create and berm and seed it as a barrier from any encroachment into resource area. It was also agreed that the new garden would only require up to 2 feet of fill to grade smooth.

The Commission discussed the requested donation from Wachusett Greenways and chose not to contribute as none of the trails lie within Paxton.

TL motioned and JR seconded to close the hearing. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 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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