



PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 2017

Location and Time: John Bauer Senior Center 7:05-8:46pm

7:05 PM Meeting opened

Attendance:

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

Absent: Chris Keenan, Commissioner.

Others present: Mia McDonald, Cons. Agent., Kim Ames, Clark & Mott Construction,

Minutes: Minutes of November meeting were reviewed. MV motioned and TL seconded to approve the minutes with the correction to add the DEP file numbers that were missing.

Bills: MM Agent \$630 payroll bill. TL motioned and DD seconded; all voted in favor of paying the bill.

Correspondence:

Treasurer's report

Notice of Project Change for 56 Davis Hill Road from Brad Bumpus

MACC 2018 Dues

Christmas Card from Anna Maria College

National Grid Yearly Operational Plan

Forest Cutting Plan for 65 Suomi Street

Environmental Notification Form for Eames Pond Dam Replacement at Moore State Park

BOH Plan for 1090 Pleasant Street

CT River Conservancy Annual Appeal for Funding

Public Hearings

Certificate of Compliance for Lot 1 Davis Hill Road DEP File No. 257-0267.

As-built received at meeting. Certificate for Compliance (original signed) given to Kim Ames for recording at the Registry of Deeds.

Certificate of Compliance for 153 Suomi Street DEP File No. 257-0292.

JR motioned and MV seconded to issue the Certificate of Compliance once TL visits the site to confirm the outlet pipe for the stormwater basin has been moved.

Certificate of Compliance for 50 Sunset Lane DEP File No. 257-0263

This Certificate of Compliance was issued in November 2011, but the original is missing from the file and it was never recorded. The Commission discussed and the certificate was re-issued and re-signed with a note that this is a re-issue of the vote from the November 2011 meeting.

Informal Discussion:

Paxton Stormwater Permit

TL, LA and MM made a list of requirements, as well as a list of questions for the permit. A meeting has been scheduled on January 4th at noon with Carol Riches and Mike Putnam to review the list of questions. Once it is confirmed what has been completed and what is required, the list of requirements will be matched to data from the Central MA Regional Stormwater Coalition on time and money required to complete the actions.

Budget:

The Commission discussed the budget and decided to request level funding for 2019. JR motioned and MV seconded to approve the FY19 budget with level funding request. MM shall submit the budget request via email.

MACC Dues

The Commission discussed and decided to pay the dues for the MA Association of Conservation Commissioners of \$417, plus additional fees of \$120, for a total of \$537 for 2018. They also decided to purchase the online handbook, which is listed for \$15 on the MACC website. MM to process these payments to MACC and request a new login for the handbook.

Paxton Wetland Bylaw

MM submitted proposed changes to the wording to address the MA Attorney General's comments. The Commission discussed and asked for paragraphs 2 and 3 to be switched in the appeal section. It was also discussed and decided to change the fine to \$100 per violation. The Commission requested a formal review from a lawyer. MM to check with Town Counsel and seek quotes for legal review.

Merry Lane

A resident from Merry Lane contacted the Commission to request a written report of a site visit that occurred circa 2014. MM searched the minutes and both paper and digital files, as well as soliciting input from the commissioners via email. Chris Keenan remembers visiting the site and discussing plantings within the yard and the work was determined to not need a permit at the time. A written report can not be created as the location of the resource areas and plantings can not be determined under the snow cover.

Site Visits: due to the Merry Lane site visit, it was determined that future site visits, even if no permit is required, shall be documented in the minutes. The Commission also does not provide written reports that permits are not required. If written determination is required to determine that work is not jurisdictional, then the landowner shall submit a Request for Determination of Applicability to the Commission as a formal application.

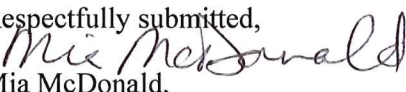
65 Suomi Street Forest Cutting Plan received from the land owner. The Commission reviewed and expressed concern that the work may be completed to create a lawn adjacent to a resource area without a permit. MM shall contact Kate Marquis, state forester, to discuss the site.

Upcoming meeting dates:

January 11 and February 8, 2018

MV motioned and JR seconded to close the hearing. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 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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