



PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2017

Location and Time: John Bauer Senior Center 7:00-9:25pm

7:00 PM Meeting opened

Attendance:

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

Absent: Holly Robert, Assoc. Member; Chris Keenan, Commissioner.

Others present: Mia McDonald, Cons. Agent., Art Allen, EcoTec, Brad Bumpus, Nobel Construction, Mark Farrell, Greenhill Engineering, Kim Ames, Clark & Mott Construction, Rich Fenton, Paxton Land Trust, Colin Novick, Greater Worcester Land Trust.

Minutes: Minutes of October meeting were reviewed. DD motioned and JR seconded to approve the minutes as written.

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

Correspondence:

Treasurer's report

Public Hearings

Notice of Intent for Lot 16A Pleasant Street, DEP File No. 257-0310

Arthur Allen of EcoTec and Kevin Quinn of Quinn Engineering representing Clark & Mott Construction. Previous filing on this parcel for the construction of the driveway and some restoration work. This project proposed the construction of a single-family house, septic system, stormwater controls and drainage within upland areas. There is an existing stockpile near the drive. Proposed pair of grassed swales to drain into basin; plans underwent review by Ross Associates for stormwater permit through Planning Board. Test pits currently being conducted as soils on the site vary from the NRCS data available. Roof runoff shall be directed into underground chambers. Paxton Board of Health has already approved. JR asked: is the foundation dug yet? KQ replied that it has not, but test pits and grading has begun. Bales and silt fence already installed as shown on the plan for erosion control barrier. The drainage system show on Sheet 2 of the plans shall be installed first.

MV made a motion and DD seconded to close the hearing and issue a standard order of conditions with septic conditions.

Certificate of Compliance for 131 Davis Hill Road DEP File No. 257-0257.

MM stated she visited the site and observed it to be stable and constructed as approved.

Certificate of Compliance for 178 West Street DEP File No. 257-0309.

MM stated she visited the site and observed it to be stable and constructed as approved.

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

Mark Ferrell of Green Hill Engineering representing Brad Bumpus and Nobel Construction. Mr. Farrell stated that the basin was constructed smaller than what was approved, but the grading now splits the lot in half and the basin receives less flow; he did not observe any ponding during recent rain event. MM stated that the overflow pipe from the basin is pointing towards the neighbor's driveway and the plans shows it pointing towards the rear of the property. Mr. Farrell stated that the project preceded the stormwater bylaw and there was no stormwater permit from the Planning Board. TL will meet Mr. Farrell at the site on November 14 at 8am to inspect the overflow channel and grading. Continued to December meeting.

Certificate of Compliance for Lots 1 & 2 Davis Hill Road DEP File No. 257-258.

This order was for site work on both lots. Work was not initiated and new applications made for individual lots under DEP File Nos. 257-266 and 267. JR made a motion and TL seconded to issue Certificate of Compliance.

Certificate of Compliance for Lot 1 Davis Hill Road DEP File No. 257-266.

This was applied and voted through in January 2016 to issue COC once as-built is received.

Certificate of Compliance for Lot 2 Davis Hill Road DEP File No. 257-267.

No as-built yet. A site visit shall be scheduled once the as-built is received. Continued to December meeting.

Kim Ames of Clark & Mott Construction requested to record all 3 certificates of compliance at the registry of deeds as soon as they are ready.

Informal Discussion:

Conservation Partnership Grant Project

Colin Novick of Greater Worcester Land Trust and Rich Fenton of the Paxton Land Trust present to discuss 72+ acre parcel south of existing conservation land, land locked and inadequate frontage, currently under Chapter 61A, logged about 12 years ago. The land has been assessed at \$120,000. There is a possible deed reference to a right-of-way access through Kettle Brook Golf Course. Currently owned by a trust. State funds may be available if town enters into partnership, Conservation Commission must hold conservation restriction. Has vernal pool, cultural heritage and possible trail. The land trusts will need a letter that the Conservation Commission supports the project and are willing to hold the restriction. There is an existing cart path from a 1940 USGS map. GWLT stated that they would help to make baseline inspection report and coordinate with Commission on maintenance. Commission would have to conduct an inspection once a year. The Commission discussed and stated they would like to proceed.

Paxton Stormwater Permit

TL, LA and MM plan to meet on Dec 1 at noon. MM will request a space in the white building. They are reviewing what has been completed in town as Phase I and what is required as part of the Phase II permit application.

101 Suomi Street

MM observed a new shed and playset at 101 Suomi Street. The site was before the commission less than a year ago for septic replacement and the blue flags delineating the wetland are still hung. MM has contacted the new owners, who are willing to work with her to fill out an after-the-fact filing of a Request for Determination of Applicability.

Paxton Wetland Bylaw

MM shall forward edits to Commission and seek comment. Discussion at the December meeting.

Upcoming meeting dates:

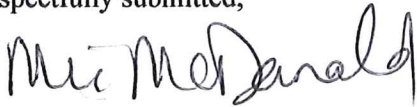
December 14

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JR motioned and TL seconded to close the hearing. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at the White Building at 7:00PM.

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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