



PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

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Location and Time: John Bauer Senior Center 7:00-8:56m

7:00 PM Meeting opened

Attendance:

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

Absent: Chris Keenan, Commissioner;

Others present: Mia McDonald, Cons. Agent; Scott Morrison, EcoTec, Inc.

Minutes: Minutes of 5/11/17 meeting were reviewed and accepted with correction: CK change. Motion to accept by TL, seconded by DD; all voted in favor to accept the minutes as written.

Bills: MM Agent \$630 payroll bill, Telegram & Gazette Ad \$38.22 bill, MACC Dues \$409, Northern Safety (vests) \$170.13. MV motioned and TL seconded; all voted in favor of paying the bills. Commission also discussed request from Boy Scout Project for \$500. Agreed to pay, with requirement of at least \$500 in receipts after work is complete.

Correspondence:

Request for MACC Roster

Septic Plan for 15 Forestdale Road from Board of Health

Notice of Intent for 178 West Street for Orville Sheldon, owner. Scott Morrison from EcoTec, Inc, representative presented: existing septic system failure within the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. Proposed work will take place within the buffer zone only and within existing lawned area, closest distance is 57 feet. Proposed removal of one large apple tree. The Commission discussed and JR made a motion and DD seconded to close the hearing with the standard conditions for septic work.

Informal Discussion:

Conservation Restriction on 78 West Street: MM met with Rich Fenton of Paxton Land Trust and Colin Novick of Greater Worcester Land Trust, who are willing to assist and partner on the project as needed. A letter proposing a conservation restriction is to be sent to the Roys, owners. The CR will require limited public access, possibly in the form of a trail and small parking area at the trailhead.

Proposed Draft Regulation – HR thinks Leicester's regulations could be very helpful. MM to print, email to Commission and bring some copies to next meeting. Leicester Commission has already given permission to utilize their wording. DD asked MM to see if Orange, MA has any wetland regulations.

Pleasant St – Bob Clark has requested to finish the driveway prior to the restoration plantings. A site visit was completed on July 8 after neighbor called to report tree removal. MM and MV visited the site and asked for work to stop until restoration was complete. The Commission discussed the request and decided the restoration plantings can wait until the next growing season in the fall, but the planks over the wetland resource area at the rear of the parcel have to be removed immediately, and the Commission wants to be notified when they are removed.

7 Indian Hill Road – DD stated that stones had been brought in by truck and placed in the stream channel. The house has been built and septic installed. MM shall visit the site and look at the approved plans in the file.

951 Pleasant Street – Diverdi Property. TL visited the site and spoke with Mr. Diverdi. The recent brush piles that were reported are not within any resource areas. TL stated that the previous restoration area was overgrown and did not determine if it had been completed as approved. TL will call Mr. Diverdi to inquire if the restoration grading and site work had been completed.

Stormwater – the DPW Superintendent and Town Administrator requested that the Conservation Commission assist with the upcoming stormwater permit for the Town. MM suggested seeking assistance from RCAP Solutions for free technical assistance. The Commission discussed and LA is willing to assist with the submission and mapping. But the Commission is not willing to take on the responsibility of submitting the MS4 permits to MA DEP. They are willing to allow MM to assist, as well, but not enough hours to take on full responsibility.

The requested fluorescent safety vests for site visits arrived and were distributed. They were very handsome.

Upcoming meeting dates:
August 8th (not the 10th)
September 14
October 12

TL motioned and MV seconded to close the hearing. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at the White Building at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mia McDonald". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mia" and last name "McDonald" clearly distinguishable.

Mia McDonald,
Agent for the Conservation Commission
Reference Documents:

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