



## **PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**May 11, 2017**

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**Location and Time:** John Bauer Senior Center 7:30-9:30pm

#### **7:30 PM Meeting opened**

#### **Attendance:**

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

Absent: Chris Keenan, Commissioner; Bob Ferguson, Commissioner.

Others present: Mia McDonald, Cons. Agent; Caitlin Cournoyer, Resident; Mark Love, Resident; Glenn Krevosky, EBT Environmental; Mike Girard, Resident.

**Minutes:** Minutes of 4/13/17 meeting were reviewed and accepted with correction: HR was not present at the meeting. Motion to accept by MV, seconded by JR; all voted in favor to accept the minutes as written.

**Bills:** MM Agent \$630 payroll bill; Purchases: \$107.11 and Bill from Telegram & Gazette: \$49.14. MV motioned and TL seconded; all voted in favor of paying the bills.

#### **Correspondence:**

Accounts Summary from Treasurer  
Building Department Permits  
Letter from FEMA re: Nashua River Floodmaps  
Letter from National Grid notification of vegetative management  
Brochure from Connecticut River Conservancy

#### **Informal Discussion:**

Conservation Restriction on 78 West Street: MM had left message with the lawyer, but no response yet.

Lot 32 Pleasant Street, owner Mike Girard, representative Glenn Krevosky of EBT Environmental. Mr. Girard would like to grow tomatoes and agricultural crops for sale on the property. The wetland resource areas have been flagged. There is over 100 feet from the flags to the street; surveyed plan forthcoming, no septic system proposed. Mr. Girard lives nearby at 5 Spring Drive. He would like to remove trees and vegetation to clear area for growing. At the southern end of the property there is a discharge from the Route 122 with some erosion. Mr. Girard would like to fix this wash out. He has contacted Quinn Engineering for a site plan. Mr. Girard shared a draft sketch showing 3 lots between #s 23 and 57 Pleasant Street, all currently 1 lot. He would like to clear a 50' by 100' area, including removing the stumps. The sketch shows leaving a 30' buffer between the work and the resource areas. Mr. Girard requested the ability to clear without a permit. The Commission agreed to allow the removal of dead wood greater than 50' from the flags/resource area by hand with no track machines or trucks and any equipment parked along the road. This is contingent on a site visit by the Commission to confirm the wetland flags. A

permit application is coming for the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. A site visit was scheduled for May 13 at 9am. The following Commissioners voted to allow the land clearing by hand: JR, DD, MV, TL and LA.

Regulations for the upcoming bylaw:

The previous draft of the regulations was reviewed. The Commission requested that the exemptions are moved to section 1.4. It was requested that the state regulations for the MA Wetlands Protection Act are checked for performance standards regarding replication and compare to Paxton draft regulations. Mark Love, resident, was present to submit a list of questions and suggestions. It was requested that MM contact Sue Stone, Town Clerk to ask about the process for approving regulations. Caitlin Cournoyer was present and also requested that the Commission take the time to develop good regulations.

Upcoming meeting dates:

June 8<sup>th</sup>

July 20<sup>th</sup>

August 8<sup>th</sup> (not the 10<sup>th</sup>)

MM will check the website and work with MV who will update the website.

Discussion of Site Visit of Marc Curtis West St lot last week: MV stated that there were several missing flags on the Route 31 side of the resource areas and that Kevin Quinn stated they would be re-hung.

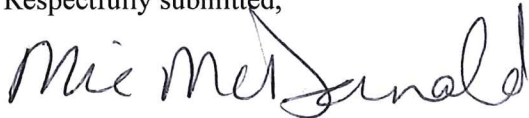
The Commission voted on reorganization. They voted Lenny Anderson as the Chair, Mike Voorhis as the Vice Chair and Tim Lauring as the Clerk.

The Commission requested that Judy Schmidt from MA DEP attend an upcoming meeting with her workshop on information for new commissioners.

TL motioned and JR seconded to close the hearing. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at the White Building at 7:30PM.

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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