



PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2017

Location and Time: John Bauer Senior Center 7:30-9:47pm

7:30 PM Meeting opened

Attendance:

Commissioners: Michael Voorhis, Vice Chair; Robert Ferguson, Commissioner; Lenny Anderson, Commissioner, Donmarie Desrosiers, Commissioner; Jim Robert, Commissioner.

Absent: Chris Keenan, Chairman; Tim Luring, Commissioner, Bob Ferguson, Commissioner; Holly Robert, Assoc. Member.

Others present: Mia McDonald, Cons. Agent; Fran Fournier, resident; Lynn Clifford, resident; Jason Burgess, resident; Amy Bosse, resident; Mike Bosse, resident; Arthur Allen, EcotTec; Kevin Quinn, Quinn Engineering.

Bills: MM Agent \$630 payroll bill; MACC Conference reimbursement for Lenny Anderson: \$140. JR motioned and BF seconded; all voted in favor of paying the bills.

Correspondence:

Accounts Summary from Treasurer

Building Department Permits

Letter from NHESP: new maps open for public comment

Letter from GPA re: open space plan grant funding available.

Minutes: Minutes of 3/10/17 meeting were reviewed and accepted with correction: define dbh. Motion to accept by JR, seconded by DD; all voted in favor to accept the minutes as written.

Notice of Intent for parcel on West Street from Marc Curtis, representative Kevin Quinn of Quinn Engineering presenting. The proposed project includes the construction of two single family homes on a parcel with frontage on West Street and South Street; the application is for the wetland resource area crossing and the construction of the driveway; the proposed houses are currently outside of the resource area buffer zone; the parcel is 13.7 acres with 8.9 acres of upland; it qualifies as a limited project as 8 acres of upland are isolated by the resource area and under the MA WPA access cannot be prohibited; proposed shared driveway to reduce wetland filling; KQ asking Commission not to close the hearing tonight; KQ requests that the Conservation Commission endorse the single common driveway as opposed to two driveways.

Additional discussion and information: LA requested calculations to show that the 3 culverts under the proposed driveway can accommodate flow and also for the proposed grades on the driveway. DD asked if the driveway needed to bend so much; KQ responded that the driveway must split at the property line and crosses the resource area at the narrowest point. KQ stated that the project will be applying for a stormwater permit from the town. Resident Jason Burgess asked if the project met the town's upland requirement; KQ stated that 75% of the 60,000sf required area must be upland for a total of at least 45,000sf of upland. The parcel has over 8 acres of upland. Resident Lynn Clifford asked what materials will be used. KQ: driveway will be paved, will have a 2:1 slope, a retaining wall that is 2 feet to 8 feet tall

designed by a geotechnical engineer, stabilized with vegetation like juniper and will require some fill. Resident Lynn Clifford asked if it was a conflict of interest that a member of the Commission is employed by Quinn Engineering. MV: that commissioner is not present and will not be voting on this application. MV requested a construction sequence showing how the resource areas will be protected during the construction. MV stated that the erosion controls need to be installed prior to the "roughing in" of the road. Resident Mike Bosse asked is flow will increase post construction. KQ responded that the engineering calculations must show pre-construction conditions match post-construction conditions for flow and recharge. Resident Fran Fornier asked if former property owner Maria Hopkins ever met with the Commission. JR stated that she did and proposed 2 drives from South Street that proved to be cost prohibitive.

KQ requested to return to the Conservation Commission after the Planning Board hearing, most likely in September. Resident Lynn Clifford asked is any work will take place on the site before then. KQ responded that possibly test pits will need to be completed. Lynn Clifford asked where are the remaining 3 acres and KQ responded that 3 acres were removed from parcel. A site visit was scheduled for Saturday April 29 at 9am. KQ requested to continue the hearing to the September meeting. JR motioned and DD seconded to continue the hearing until September.

Notice of Intent for 7 Briarcliff Lane from David Schmidt, represented by Art Allen of EcoTec. Proposed septic replacement along the rear of house within 100 foot buffer of resource area, front of the house has refusal/ledge and not suitable for septic, new system is Title V, DEP commented that the resource area is an outstanding resource water as it is a tributary to drinking water; the new system will be an improvement, no vegetation removal, all work within lawned areas; LA asked is septic could be on side of house, AA: that would put septic within 50 feet of well. Haybales and siltation fencing proposed for erosion controls along limit of work. Commission discussed and JR motioned and DD seconded to close the hearing; JR motioned and DD seconded to issue order of conditions for the work with the condition that no stockpiling shall be placed with 25 feet of the resource area.

Notice of Intent for 56 Davis Hill Road from Brad Bumpus of Nobel Construction, represented by Art Allen of EcoTec for proposed construction of single family house and association site work within 100 foot buffer of resource area, septic field proposed for the front of the house with the well in the rear, currently a vacant lot, old hay field; haybales and siltation fencing proposed for erosion controls along limit of work. Commission discussed and JR motioned and DD seconded to close the hearing; JR motioned and DD seconded to issue order of conditions for the work with the following conditions

1. Siltation fencing shall be the limit of work, including the lawn.
2. No stockpiling shall be placed with 25 feet of the resource area.
3. Remove vegetation debris stockpiled within the resource area by hand prior to the installation of the erosion controls.

Informal Discussion:

Conservation Restriction on 78 West Street: Commission is interested in additional information.

Chairman discussion: Chris is willing to step down during his absence, Mike is not interested in becoming Chairman. Lenny offered to become chair. DD motioned and JR seconded, all voted in favor to make Lenny Chairman.

Indian Hill Road Dumping: The Commission discussed the lot on Indian Hill road where neighbors dump their yard waste. MM shall contact the owner again and a letter shall be sent to neighbors.

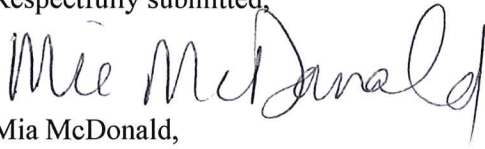
Draft Bylaw – Town Meeting is May 1. Another meeting proposed with Finance Committee for April 20th at 7:35pm.

Spending: Commission discussed needs and decided to purchase a measuring tape and additional field book.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 PM.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at the White Building at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mia McDonald".

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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