



## **PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**November 9, 2016**

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**Location and Time:** John Bauer Senior Center 7:00-9:04pm

#### **7:00 PM Bylaw Discussion Summary:**

Prior to bylaw discussion, William Shea of 927 Pleasant Street introduced himself and asked about the work at Lot 16 Spaulding Woods, adjacent to his home. Ms. McDonald stated that the enforcement order had been issued; a representative for the site would not be in the meeting; work had ceased on the property; the site would be discussed at the December 8 meeting.

#### **7:00 PM Bylaw Discussion Summary:**

- Short draft presented to commission, approximately 3 pages long.
- Ms. McDonald shall attend the Zoning Board meeting on November 10 to ask if they would be willing to host appeal for bylaw.
- Commissioners present stated that they preferred the longer version of the draft bylaw. But the shorter bylaw more likely to be widely accepted.
- Question: ask Jack Malone of Board of Selectmen about the possible appeals process.
- Question: does the state law address the cost of independent consultants?
- Proposed open meeting for bylaw in January or February.

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

##### **Attendance:**

Commissioners: Michael Voorhis, Vice Chair; Tim Luring, Commissioner; Robert Ferguson, Commissioner; Caitlin Carey, Commissioner; Lenny Anderson, Commissioner, Jim Robert, Assoc. Member.

Others present: Mia McDonald, Cons. Agent; Arthur Allen, EcoTec; William Jarvis, applicant; Cindy Shea, resident; William Shea, resident; Mark Love, resident; Lenny Anderson, resident.

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

**Minutes:** Minutes of 10/12/16 meeting were reviewed and accepted with corrections to attendance. Motioned to accept CC, seconded by TL; all voted in favor to accept the minutes with corrections.

**Bills:** MM payroll and Telegram & Gazette legal ad bill; TL motioned and BF seconded; all voted in favor of paying the bills.

##### **Correspondence:**

Annual membership fee notice from the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners.  
FOIA Request for 603 & 609 Pleasant Street, received 11/9/16.

Request for Certificate of Compliance for 16 Grove Street, DEP File No. 257-218  
Septic replacement work conducted in 2005. Site visit complete and work was completed as permitted.  
TL motioned and CC seconded, all voted in favor of issuing the Certificate of Compliance.

**Informal Discussion: Lot 16 Spaulding Woods Lot (located adjacent to 927 Pleasant Street)**

The enforcement order was issued, but delayed due to MM illness. Owner has confirmed that all work has ceased on the property and a wetland restoration plan shall be submitted by December 8 meeting. Mr. Clark is returning from Florida on November 18 and a site visit shall be scheduled when he returns.

**Informal Discussion on membership:** It was requested if one of the commissioners would be willing to be made a non-voting associate member so that Jim Roberts could be made a voting member. Caitlin Carey volunteered. CC and JR shall attend a future Board of Selectmen meeting to arrange appointments.

Board of Health Plan received for 6 Elizabeth Lane.

Informal Discussion on 556 Pleasant Street flooding issues: due to the drought, no flooding has been observed for a few months. Rainfall is expected in the next month; commissioners are urged to visit the site to try to observe flooding and flow.

**Draft Bylaw Discussion Summary**

The 7:00 pm discussion was summarized and reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 8, 2016 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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