

**PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**October 12, 2016**



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

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

- Late start due to lack of copies.
- The most recent draft with extensive exemptions reviewed.
- Commissioners commented that draft bylaw is still hard to read. Work to make it more understandable.
- Commissioners requested a comparison on most recent draft with MACC model.
- The Commission would like to keep references to all boards and commissions listed.
- Mark Love, resident, requested a digital copy of the most recent draft by email.

**7:30PM Meeting opened**

**Attendance:**

Commissioners: Michael Voorhis, Vice Chair; Tim Luring, Commissioner; Holly Robert, Assoc. Member; Donmarie Desrosiers, Commissioner; Robert Ferguson, Commissioner; Caitlin Carey, Commissioner.

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; Jim Robert, Assoc. Member.

**Minutes:** Minutes of 9/8/16 meeting were reviewed and accepted with two grammatical corrections and the addition of the annual report.

Motioned to accept CC, seconded by DD; all voted in favor to accept the minutes with corrections.

**Bills:** MM payroll; TL motioned and CC seconded; all voted in favor of paying the bill.

**Correspondence:** Annual membership cards from Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners.

**Request for Determination of Applicability for 145 Marshall Street**

Michael Jarvis, application and owner, presented the project: parking area adjacent to the driveway was gravel and then blacktopped about 15 years ago. A site visit was conducted and the area is vegetated and stable with no observed impacts to resource area less than 20 feet away. TL motioned, DD seconded and all voted to issue a negative determination of applicability.

**Request for Certificate of Compliance for 12 Indian Hill Road, DEP File No. 257-303**

The Commission has received a statement from Quinn Engineering that the septic replacement project was completed as permitted and is fully functioning. A site visit was performed and the site is vegetated and stable. TL motioned and CC seconded to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

**Request for Certificate of Compliance for 145 Marshall Street, DEP File No. 257-171**

Due to the negative determination of applicability earlier in the meeting, TL motioned and DD seconded and all voted in favor to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

**Request for Certificate of Compliance for 16 Grove Street, DEP File No. 257-218**

No one was present at the meeting to represent the project, signed application not received and attempts at correspondence via phone and email were unsuccessful. Due to lack of a site visit and information, the certificate of compliance was not issued.

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

Art Allen from EcoTec was present representing Clark & Mott Construction. Mr. Allen explained that this lot was not part of the original Spaulding Woods permit application to the Conservation Commission; the contractor had entered the site to prepare for test pit exploration and had used a large track machine to clear trees, vegetation and disturb soil within the wetland resource area; bordering vegetated wetlands were cleared and a crossing through the resource area was created. EcoTec has reflagged the resource area, shall calculate the total damage to the area and shall create a restoration plan. CC motioned, TL seconded and all voted in favor to issue an enforcement order with the following conditions:

1. Cease all work on the site.
2. Provide restoration plan with surveyed delineation by professional wetland scientist by November 9 meeting.
3. No permits for work on the site shall be submitted to the Conservation Commission until this Enforcement Order is resolved.
4. There shall be no access to the site within the resource areas according to the delineation conducted by EcoTec on 10/1/16.
5. Any additional work within 100 feet of the resource areas shall require a permit application.

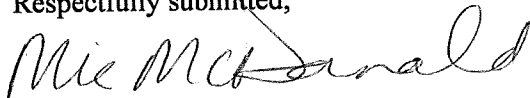
**Draft Bylaw Discussion Summary**

The 7:00 pm discussion was summarized and reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 9, 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.