



**PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

*August 11, 2016*

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**Location and Time:** John Bauer Senior Center 7:00-8:55pm

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

1. Exemption options discussed:
  - a. Exemption wording located in Town of Northborough Regulations should be moved to our draft bylaw.
  - b. Change the definition of hardship to reflect exemption.
  - c. Discussion of Boxford Section 375-3c for single family homes, or for all permits? Email to Commissioners for interpretation.
2. Comments:
  - a. Mark Love, resident, attended. Suggested bylaw may not be needed or wanted; suggested addition of grandfathering to bylaw, reduction in regulations and increase in communications.
  - b. Chris Keenan, chairman: more research needed into wetland loss in the Town.

**7:30PM Meeting opened**

**Attendance:** Commissioners: Chris Keenan (Chairman,) Michael Voorhis (Vice Chair), Tim Lauring, Jim Robert (Assoc. Member), Zach Ferguson; Absent Holly Robert (Assoc. Member,) Others present: Mia McDonald (Cons. Agent); Mark Love, resident.

**Bills:** Telegram & Gazette advertising bill. MV motioned and TL seconded; all voted in favor of paying the bill.

MM payroll; TL motioned and MV seconded; all voted in favor of paying the bill.

**Minutes:** Minutes of 7/18/16 meeting were reviewed and accepted with no corrections.

Motioned to accept MV, seconded by TL; all voted in favor to accept the minutes as written.

**Informal Discussion:**

Mark Love discussed his concern regarding comments made by the Conservation Commission about his participation in the draft bylaw discussion. CK stated that no comments were made by the Commission about his participation.

**Request for Certificate of Compliance for 101 Suomi Street**

The site visit was conducted August 11 and the site is stable and vegetated. Statement has been filed that the system was installed and functions as designed. MV motioned and TL seconded; all voted in favor to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 101 Suomi St, DEP File # 257-0296. CK abstained.

**Correspondence:**

Memo from the Building Inspector received for upland requirement for proposed single family home construction at 37 Crowningshield Road. The Commission viewed the plans and requested that MM visit the site to confirm the wetland line shown on the plan.

EMACC Update: new classes available to Commissioners at the upcoming fall conference.

**Quorum discussion:**

1. Need clarification if CK can vote if he discloses conflict in a written statement.
2. Ask Board of Selectmen if the Commission can be lowered to a 5-member board.
3. As per MA WPA, Associate members will be voting when a quorum cannot be met.
4. The Conservation Commission recommended Jim Roberts to become a full voting member. Jim accepted and the recommendation shall be made to the BOS.

**Upcoming meeting dates:**

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Thursday, December 8, 2016

The Commissioners thanked Zach Ferguson for his service to the Commission. Zach is resigning soon as he is moving to Boston to study for his Master's degree.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 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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