



## **PAXTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**March 10, 2016**

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**Location and Time:** John Bauer Senior Center 7:30-9:15pm

**Attendance:** Commissioners: Michael Voorhis (Vice Chair), Gerald Ryan, Zach Ferguson (Secretary), Tim Luring, Jim Robert (Assoc. Member); Absent: Chris Keenan (Chairman,) Holly Robert (Assoc. Member,). Others present: Mia McDonald (Cons. Agent), Ron Desjardin of Desjardin Construction, Gerry Kashuk, Kevin Quinn of Quinn Engineering.

**Minutes:** Minutes of 2/11/16 and 2/18/16 meetings were read and accepted with no changes. GR motioned and TL seconded to accept the minutes, all in favor.

**Bills:** MM payroll, (TL motioned and GR seconded), and bill from Telegram and Gazette for Legal Advertising, (GR motioned and TL seconded,) all voted in favor of paying all the bills.

**Correspondence:**

Emergency Pre-Disaster Grants from MEMA  
Plan from Board of Health for 24 Maple Street

Request for Determination of Applicability for 17 Briarcliff Lane for the installation of a three-season porch within 100 feet of a wetland resource area. Gerry Kashuk, owner, and Ron Desjardin, Contractor from Desjardin Construction, presented: clay soils on the site will require Techno metal post-screws, drill directly into ground with no digging, three to four pile maximum, proposed room is 12' x 16', all within previously disturbed lawn area more than 60 feet from resource area in woods beyond lawn, vegetative buffer between lawn area and resource area 60 feet away. GR motioned and TL seconded for negative determination, all in favor.

Request for Determination of Applicability for 108 Holden Road for previously completed septic replacement work for owner, Judith Bashaw, no representative. JR and MM completed two site visits, the latest with Mark Elbag, engineer for the work. Mr. Elbag stated that the drainage channel along the side of the property is an isolated land subject to flooding due to small size and no hydrologic connection to resource area behind the property; channel was dug by homeowner's late husband – begins at edge of lawn. The Commissioners discussed and it was decided to add a condition to seed and straw the exposed soil as soon as possible to avoid runoff into the street that could reach pond across the street. The engineer requested a waiver of the fees. The Commissioners discussed and agreed to waiving the fee for service to Town of Paxton. TL motioned and GR seconded for negative determination with one condition, all in favor.

Notice of Intent from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Highway Division for proposed drainage system improvement project with associated culvert replacement, manhole replacement and repair within the right-of-way and within MA DOT easement at 595 and 603 Pleasant Street – continued at the request of the applicant.

**Other Business:**

350 Richards Ave – proposed tree removal. MM visited the home of JR & HR to view diseased trees within the riverfront area. The trees are dead and pose a safety hazard. Tree removal will be completed during dry or frozen time period, stumps left in place, commission shall be notified prior to the beginning of work. Additionally, trees and dense vegetation that is impeding the flow of the stream shall also be removed; bank to remain intact.

Lot 2 134 Davis Hill Road, Kevin Quinn of Quinn Engineering representing Bob Clark, submitted plan showing changes from approved work: well has been moved, house footprint has been reduced by 1,300 s.f., the wall shall remain stacked stone, not a retaining wall, wall has been moved closer to the resource area. The Commission discussed and approved proposed changes with the condition that the trees on the work side of the wall shall remain in place or shall be replaced with the same species and size. GR voted and TL seconded to accept the changes, all in favor.

7 Indian Hill Road – HR and JR passed the site and found it very disturbed, with stockpiles within 25-feet of the erosion control barriers. MM performed a site visit and called the contractor, Mr. Capurso, and requested the stockpiles be moved at least 25 feet away from ECBs and dewater with filter as per Order of Conditions. Mr. Capurso stated that the piles would be moved as soon as possible and would be secured to avoid any sedimentation, and that no dewatering had occurred onsite; he was waiting for the foundation hole to drain naturally.

Trail cleanup: The Commissioners discussed hosting a trail cleanup; asked MM to contact Colin Novick of Greater Worcester Land Trust to coordinate and avoid duplicating efforts, and to contact DPW to find out how to dispose of trash. MM also to contact Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Lion's Club Leos; picked April 23<sup>rd</sup> as the date, requested a hot dog lunch afterwards where everyone would bring something.

Mike Voorhis stated he will not be at the April meeting.

Lot 130, Map 27, Indian Hill Road – JR observed dumping in the wetlands. Owner is listed as living in Florida on Assessor's website. MM to write letter to owner and copy assessor.

GR motioned and TL seconded to close the meeting; meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM. The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at the White Building.

Respectfully submitted,



Mia McDonald,

Agent for the Conservation Commission

**Reference Documents:**

\*As noted in the minutes, on file with the Paxton Conservation Commission.