

Freetown Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Monday, January 27, 2020 Meeting
Town Hall – Assonet, Mass.

Present: Keven Desmarais, Charlie Sullivan, and Maria Ternullo.

Absent: Chris Mather and Jan Robidoux.

Call to order: Keven Desmarais called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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Continued Notice of Intent – 170 South Main Street, Assonet

A letter was received from the applicant more formally requesting withdrawal. A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Ternullo, to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was then made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Ternullo, to permit the applicant to withdraw the Notice of Intent. The motion carried unanimously.

Continued Notice of Intent – 0 Chace Road ("Gurney Farm"), East Freetown

Mr. Desmarais called both hearings back to order. The clerk noted that the applicant's representative requested a continuance to February 10th. A motion was made by Mrs. Ternullo, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to continue the public hearing to Monday, February 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Determination of Applicability – 11 Leonard Avenue, Assonet

Nyles Zager was present from Zenith Consulting Engineers to address this project. Mr. Zager stated the work would be more than 100 feet from the bordering vegetated wetland, but within 100 feet of the top of bank for an old drainage ditch or swale. All work will be within previously-disturbed areas. Discussion was held between Mr. Zager and Mr. Desmarais about setback requirements for the Board of Health. Mr. Zager felt no variance would be needed.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Ternullo, to issue a negative determination, #3. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

A request was received from Troy Knowles to extend his Order of Conditions for 53 High Street for two additional years, to expire February 6, 2022. Mr. Sullivan abstained from all discussion on the request. Mr. Desmarais expressed his disappointment that the work was not completed in the three-year window provided. A motion was made by Mr. Desmarais, seconded by Mrs. Ternullo, to extend the Order of Conditions as requested. The motion carried 2-0-1, with Mr. Sullivan abstaining. All three members signed the extension, Mr. Sullivan out of necessity.

Bills & Minutes

Bills paid since the previous meeting were recounted. The minutes of January 13, 2020, were received. A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Ternullo, to approve the minutes as received. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business Properly Before the Commission

Mr. Desmarais received a telephone request, followed up by an e-mail, for a Certificate of Compliance for work done by Dick Spencer on his cranberry bogs in about 1990. The request was received from the company working on establishing a solar farm on the property. Mr. Desmarais felt the associated work was completed

well over 25 years ago, and that there would be nothing preventing the certificate from being issued. A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Ternullo, to issue a complete Certificate of Compliance. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Ternullo, to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Michael T. McCue, Senior Clerk