

Freetown Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Monday, April 13, 2015 Meeting
Town Hall, 3 North Main Street, Assonet, Mass.



Present: Keven Desmarais, Christopher Mather, Janine Robidoux, and Charles Sullivan

Absent: Maria Ternullo

Call to order: Keven Desmarais called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of July 14, 2014; August 11, 2014; September 8, 2014; and March 16, 2015 were received. A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Sign Order of Conditions – 27 Locust Street, Assonet

Additional copies of a previously-issued Order of Conditions were signed.

Notice of Intent – 19 Cliff Drive, Assonet

The continued public hearing was called to order. The applicant was present to discuss dates for a site inspection. All settled on Sunday, May 3rd at 10:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to continue the hearing until Monday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Determination of Applicability – Lot 26 Marie's Way, East Freetown

Al Endriunas was present to discuss the proposal. There were no questions or comments made about the plans or work to be done, all being straightforward as presented. It was noted that only three lots should need to come before the Conservation Commission as the development is wrapping up.

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

Notice of Intent – 3 Woodlawn Road, Assonet

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Mather, to waive the reading of the public hearing notice. The motion carried unanimously.

Robert Beube was present representing the potential buyer, Carlos Frias, and the property owner, Jay Fournier. Plans were reviewed, and it was noted that a stone wall atop a berm on the west side of the property marked a boundary between the uplands and wetlands. The swimming pool and shed shown on the plans are potential, and included in case the buyer wishes to build them within the next three years. Mr. Desmarais suggested doing a site inspection on the same day as 19 Cliff Drive. All agreed to visit the site on that date at 11:00.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Mather, to continue the hearing until Monday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Intent – Maple Tree Crossing, Assonet

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Mather, to waive the reading of the public hearing notice. The motion carried unanimously. Kim Burlingame and Jim Noyes were present to discuss the project, consisting of reconstructive work to the three-arch stone bridge at Maple Tree Crossing. Mr. Noyes stated that in its current state, the bridge is approximately one year from being reduced to one lane with traffic lights similar to the Berkley Bridge. It was discussed that at some point in time, a stone wall had fallen over and was replaced with a new stone wall that is also falling over. Jersey barriers have replaced some of the actual bridge walls. In essence, the bridge is being held together and needs to be overhauled to continue being useful.

Mrs. Robidoux asked what the impact to travel would be. Mr. Noyes stated the bridge would be closed from June 29th through September 1st. If not done this way, it would close from time to time and reduce in travel width sporadically over many months. A total closure is safer and quicker.

Mr. Desmarais suggested the site be viewed on May 3rd at 11:30. All were in agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Mather, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to continue the hearing until May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Mrs. Robidoux, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to pay a bill to W. B Mason for office supplies. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Mather, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: Michael T. McCue
Michael T. McCue, Senior Clerk