



## TOWN OF FREETOWN

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### Conservation Commission

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### Minutes of the Meeting August 12, 2013

Present: Keven Desmarais, chairman, Janine Robidoux, Maria Ternullo, Christopher Mather  
Absent: Charles Sullivan, Troy Audyatis

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman calls the continued Public Hearing for the Notice of Intent for Braley Road to order. Applicant Peter Hawes, Cynthia Ritter, Mary Ellen Lees. Represented by Richard Rheaume, Prime Engineering. The project is to construct gravel access drive and a large-scale ground mounted solar photovoltaic array with security fencing around. A vote was taken at the last meeting to send the filing and all information for a peer review. The Peer Review engineering firm, Environmental Partners, has all the information and are still reviewing everything at this time. They will be doing a site inspection on August 15, 2013. Motion, J Robidoux, to continue this matter to the next meeting, August 26, 2013. Seconded by M. Ternullo. All in favor.

A Request for Determination for the same project was also filed. Motion, J. Robidoux, to continue this matter to August 26, 2013. Seconded by C. Mather. All in favor.

Continued Request for Determination of Applicability – Copicut Road- State Forest.  
The applicant, Department of Conservation & Recreation is represented by Paul Gregory, Management Forester for DCR. Work proposed is to restrict access, reduce erosion and to improve infiltration in order to rehabilitate an eroded slope adjacent to Rattlesnake Brook. Officer Steve Ouellette Park Ranger, stressed the changes that are planned.

1. Enforcement is the key
2. Education by improving trail maps specifically for ATV's
3. Signs informing the ATV drivers to stay out of protected areas

Mr. Gregory explained the phases of work to be done Summer – Fall 2013. Selective felling and interlocking of logs, tree tops and branches at the top of slope as well as along access trails leading to this slope are proposed to establish physical obstacles for people trying to access the area. During the Winter 2013 to Spring 2014 phase two of the project will be constructed by stabilizing the slope with trees and stumps, root wads and slash placing them in a terracing manner down the slope. A fiber roll or compost log will be placed at the bottom of the slope. Compost will be spread in between the logs with a native seed mix.

Members from Green Futures had some questions regarding the project as to Timber Harvesting Nancy Putnam, Director Ecology Program informed the members and the Board that the cutting of trees are in a different area than this project and a Forestry Plan has not been developed. The trees to be used will be selected trees and trees that are dead, they will be placed on the slope for terracing. Another concern, during heavy rains will these trees become dislodged and flow into the stream. Ms. Putnam assured them the way they are placed and the size she believes they will

not move. Chairman asked if the public and the board if they had any further questions. Motion made, J. Robidoux, to issue a negative determination with the condition a Siltation Control Plan be in place before any further work is conducted. Second by C. Mather.

Motion, C. Mathers, to add a condition that the logs are to be secured and a Planting plan also be provided. Seconded, M. Ternullo.

Motion, J. Robidoux, that the original motion be amended, to have all conditions discussed and issue a negative determination. Seconded M. Ternullo. All in favor.

Public Hearing for the Notice of Intent for 43 Water St. – Applicant: Deborah Pettey.

Representative: Darren Michaelis, Foresight Engineering. Motion, J. Robidoux, to waive the reading of the public hearing notice. Seconded, C. Mather. All in favor.

Darren Michaelis presented the green abutters cards, all abutters were notified. Mr. Michaelis explained the project, being a septic repair and that the lot was in existence prior to the River Protection Act. The garage will be demolished to make room for the Presby septic system design. Motion, J. Robidoux, to close the public hearing. Seconded, M. Ternullo. All in favor.

Motion, C. Mather, to approve the plans as submitted. Seconded, M. Ternullo. All in favor.

Public Hearing for the Notice of Intent for 188 Chace Rd. – Applicant: David Vermette, Vermette Enterprises. Representative: Alan Ewing

Motion, J. Robidoux, to waive the reading of the public hearing. Seconded by C. Mathers. All in favor. Project to construct a single family home on the existing foundation. This project has been in front of the board with different applicants. The board is very familiar with the site.

Motion, J. Robidoux, to close the public hearing. Seconded M. Ternullo. All in favor.

Motion J. Robidoux to approve the plans as submitted. All in favor.

Request for Determination – 15 Mohawk Ave. Dana Clow Engineer for the applicant. In 2011 a Determination of Applicability was issued a negative determination. The plans have changed so a new filing was needed. The existing foundation will be demolished to conform with the newer setbacks. The sediment control will be installed in phases. Motion J. Robidoux to issue a negative determination. Seconded M. Ternullo. All in favor.

Request for Certificate of Compliance – 13 Bullock Rd. Motion J. Robidoux to issue complete Certificate of Compliance. Seconded M. Ternullo. All in favor.

Abbreviated Notice of Intent – 10 Billys Island Rd., David Rebeiro. An Enforcement Order was issued by the Commission requesting a Notice of Intent to be filed. The Board advised the applicant to hire an engineer who will identify the wetland delineation and to file a Notice of Intent.

Motion, C. Mathers to continue the Public Hearing to August 26, 2013. Seconded J. Robidoux. All in favor.

Motion J. Robidoux to continue the public hearing for the Pentacostal Assembly. Seconded M. Ternullo. All in favor.

Motion J. Robidoux to adjourn. Seconded C. Mather. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Robitaille