

Freetown Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Monday, May 4, 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 7:02 p.m.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of April 13th were received. A motion was made by Mr. Mather, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Intent – 3 Woodlawn Road, Assonet

The continued public hearing was called to order. The site was inspected on May 3rd, during which time it was observed that the stone wall was relatively accurate to segregating the wetlands on the west side of the property. During the inspection it was mentioned that the garage and driveway may be flipped from the east side of the house to the west side of the house. Mr. Desmarais stated that new plans would need to be drawn up if that were the case. Mr. Frias stated the architect had recommended making the change. All understood the reasons why, but the concern was that if the Conservation Commission approves a plan showing a garage and driveway on the east, and they were subsequently built to the west, it could create a problem in the future. It was noted that Mr. Frias' engineer was expected to be present but was not present. Mr. Frias agreed to contact him and determine if he was coming.

A motion was made by Mrs. Robidoux, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to continue the hearing until 7:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Intent – 19 Cliff Drive, Assonet

The continued public hearing was called to order. The site was inspected on May 3rd, during which time the members observed the extent of erosion and undermining of the bank. All agreed that if it was left alone, the matter would only get worse. The primary issue now is with the construction method – to ensure that construction vehicles and equipment did not breach the wetlands line.

Discussion resumed on the plans. Mrs. Bowdoin noted that the plantings would eliminate the need for a railing at elevation changes with retaining walls. The walkway was proposed to remain in the same location, but to be scaled back, using narrower treads and fewer stairs. Mr. Desmarais noted that the stairs must stop at the wetland delineation.

A motion was made by Mrs. Robidoux, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to close the hearing. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Mather, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to approve the plans as submitted with the following conditions:

- ◆ Conservation Commission is to be notified prior to construction.
- ◆ Conservation Commission is to approve wall material (either boulders or engineered blocks).
- ◆ Spill kits are to be on site at all times and be adequate for the equipment and/or machinery in use.
- ◆ No equipment, machinery, or work is to be on the bay side of the wetland delineation.
- ◆ Stairs are to be of typical type, within the current confines of the existing stairs, and not to extend beyond the wetland delineation.

The motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Intent – 3 Woodlawn Road, Assonet

The continued public hearing was called to order at 7:30. Mr. Frias stated his engineer was expected any time.

A motion was made by Mrs. Robidoux, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to continue the hearing until 7:45 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Intent – Maple Tree Crossing, Assonet

The continued public hearing was called to order. Jim Noyes from Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., approached the board to continue the presentation. Revised plans were submitted relative to an intermittent stream near the intersection of Beechwood and Richmond roads. The revised plans also indicated asphalt would be removed from the rear of the guardrail near the same intersection as it was unnecessary to pave this area.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to close the hearing. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Mrs. Robidoux, seconded by Mr. Mather, to approve the plans as submitted with the following conditions:

- ♦ Area is to be policed at the end of work daily for refuse, especially during times of dewatering. All refuse and debris is to be cleaned daily to prevent entry into the river.
- ♦ Spill kits adequate for the machinery and equipment in use are to be on site at all times.
- ♦ A 12" pipe is to be used for rerouting the intermittent stream near Beechwood Road.
- ♦ Proper drainage control is to be maintained at all times.

The motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Intent – 3 Woodlawn Road, Assonet

The continued public hearing was called to order at 7:45. Mr. Berube, engineer, was present to discuss the revisions to the plans and the proposed revisions not shown on the plan. Mr. Desmarais asked for revised plans showing exactly what was to be built. Jay Fournier, property owner, suggested to Mr. Frias that waiting two weeks to make sure everything was adequate and compliant would be best in the long run. Mr. Frias agreed to return at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Robidoux, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to continue the hearing until May 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The motion carried unanimously.

Requests for Determination of Applicability – Lots 36A, 36B, and 40A Christopher Dr., E. Freetown

The applicant was not present due to a scheduling conflict. All three proposals were reviewed in his absence and found to be typical of the work in the Holly Ridge subdivision. No questions were asked and no revisions were deemed necessary.

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

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Mather, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to pay bills presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dock at 31 Cliff Drive, Assonet

Mr. Desmarais noted that during the site inspection for 19 Cliff Drive, a dock was noticed by several members at 31 Cliff Drive. Questions had been raised as to whether the proper permits were requested. On consensus, Mr. Desmarais will contact the property owner to discuss the situation.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Mather, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

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

