

**Freetown Conservation Commission**  
Minutes of the Monday, November 16, 2015 Meeting  
Town Hall – Assonet, Mass.

**Present:** Keven Desmarais, Christopher Mather, and Charles Sullivan.

**Absent:** Janine Robidoux and Maria Ternullo.

**Note:** Effective with the October 27th Special Town Meeting, the Conservation Commission now has five members total rather than seven members, and the quorum is now three.

**Call to order:** Keven Desmarais called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of October 19th were received. A motion was made by Mr. Mather, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to accept the minutes as presented. The motion otherwise carried unanimously.

**Request for Certificate of Compliance – 27 Cliff Drive, Assonet**

A request was received for a Certificate of Compliance to clear the title on this property prior to a transfer of ownership. The project conditioned by the Order of Conditions was never carried out. A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Mather, to sign the Certificate of Compliance by designating the original Order of Conditions invalid for failure to carry out the project. The motion carried unanimously.

**Request for Determination of Applicability – 178 Slab Bridge Road, Assonet**

Nyles Zager was present to discuss the project, which is to replace an existing failed septic system. The existing system will be abandoned, crushed, and filled. The new system will go in what is more or less the only available location due to the two-foot water table and the location of the property. The new system will have a monolithic tank. Mr. Desmarais asked to have the silt fence extended westerly along the southerly tree line, and Mr. Zager was agreeable. Mr. Desmarais asked about the spoils, and Mr. Zager said they would be removed daily as there is no adequate location for on-site storage.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Mather, to issue a negative determination #3, with the conditions that the silt fence be extended and that the spoils be removed daily. The motion otherwise carried unanimously.

**Request for Determination of Applicability – 116 Chace Road, East Freetown**

Mr. Zager was present for this project, also, which is to replace an existing failed septic system and sink a new well. The location of, and a brief history of the ownership of, the property were discussed. The home and an existing barn are located feet from the pavement of Chace Road, and the majority of the property slopes severely from the side of the road down toward a pond and marshy area. The existing well is feet from the dwelling and cannot remain in its current location.

Mr. Desmarais asked about the location of the proposed septic. Mr. Zager indicated that the barn would be razed to accommodate the new septic as that's the only location it can go. Mr. Desmarais advised Mr. Zager to be wary of the "demolition delay by-law". It was noted that the barn is in such dilapidated condition that it would likely be exempt.

Discussion was held regarding the new well. A temporary access ramp of gravel material will be constructed from the existing gravel parking area downhill to the new well site. When the well is completed, the ramp will be taken apart and used as fill around the new septic system. Spoils from the well project will go either in the parking area or on the old barn site once the barn is razed.

All members understood that for health reasons, this project must be undertaken as soon as possible.

**Continued Public Hearing – Lamb’s Village**

Motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Mather, to continue the hearing to Monday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

**Bills**

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Mather, to pay bills as listed on the bill sheets. The motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting Adjourned**

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Mather, to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

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

