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**Freetown Conservation Commission**  
Minutes of the Monday, October 19, 2020 Meeting  
Held Remotely via Zoom.us

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**Present:** Keven Desmarais was present at the Town Hall. Keith Mello and Charlie Sullivan participated remotely via Zoom.

**Absent:** Chris Mather and Maria Ternullo.

**Call to Order:** Keven Desmarais called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

*Note: As this meeting was conducted remotely, all votes taken were by roll call.*

**Continued Hearings, to be Continued**

On a motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Mello, the following hearings were continued to the following dates, all at 5:00 p.m., hearings to be held remotely via Zoom:

- a. Continued Notice of Intent, 0 Chace Road, East Freetown ..... to November 9, 2020
- b. Continued Notice of Intent, 3 Quarry Drive, Assonet..... to November 9, 2020
- c. Continued Notice of Intent, 41 Water Street ("Cudworth Wharf"), Assonet ..... to November 9, 2020
- d. Continued Notice of Intent, 3 Friend Street, Assonet ..... to November 9, 2020
- e. Continued Notice of Intent, 0 Rocky Road/0 Smudge Woodlot, Assonet..... to November 9, 2020
- f. Continued Notice of Intent, 3 Locust Street, Assonet ..... to November 23, 2020
- g. Continued Notice of Intent, 39 Sammy's Lane, Assonet..... to November 23, 2020

As part of this discussion, Mr. Desmarais advised that items (f) and (g) would continue to be continued until after they finished their review with the Planning Board.

**Notice of Intent – 160 Middleboro Road, East Freetown**

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

John White was present from PMP Associates to discuss this project. There is an existing three-bedroom dwelling which has a failed septic system. The wetland line east of the driveway was located, along with the 50- and 100-foot lines. The existing septic system is in the front of the property and is depicted on the plans in its approximate location. As part of the project, they intend to pump and remove the existing tank, tie into the existing invert, and install the new system. About 1500 square feet of disturbance is expected within the 100-foot buffer zone. Erosion control will run from Middleboro Road along the driveway to the barn, then again from the barn to and along the existing tree line. Mr. White noted there is a drinking water protection concern due to the proximity to Long Pond.

Mr. Desmarais opened the discussion to the public; no-one addressed the commission.

Mr. Desmarais asked if erosion control could run to the retaining wall. Mr. White responded that trucks would be crossing the site, entering and exiting from the driveway, and they felt it was better to have additional erosion control. Discussion then turned to pumping and filling the old system, and it was agreed that clean material would be used for fill after pumping and removal.

A motion was made by Mr. Mello, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Mello, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to approve the plans as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Mr. Desmarais reminded the members to come to the Town Hall to sign the Order of Conditions.

#### **Request for Certificate of Compliance – 2 Crossroads Drive, East Freetown**

Mr. Desmarais explained that this was not a Notice of Intent filing, but the property owner has requested some sort of acknowledgement that the project was completed in an acceptable manner. Mr. Desmarais stated the project was successfully completed. Consensus was to issue a letter stating such.

#### **Updates on Old Business**

Discussion was held on interviewing candidates for the clerical position. Mr. Sullivan preferred not to participate in the process and to leave this to Mr. Desmarais and whomever else may be interested. Mr. Mello expressed the same feeling.

#### **New Business**

A letter will be sent to the MBTA confirming interest in acquiring the property at 15 Richmond Road.

#### **Bills & Minutes**

This item was passed over.

#### **Any Other Business Properly Before the Commission**

Members were reminded of the continued Special Town Meeting to be held on October 21st at the Assonet Bandstand to complete the transfer of two tax possessions to the Conservation Commission.

Brief discussion was held relative to the Conservation Restriction being negotiated with Copart.

#### **Meeting Adjourned**

A motion was made by Mr. Mello, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

This is a True Record by me.

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