

Freetown Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Thursday, July 26, 2018 Meeting
Town Hall – Assonet, Mass.

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

Absent: Maria Ternullo.

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

Continued Notice of Intent – Hart Lot, Buddy's Crossing, Wamsutta Way, etc., East Freetown

Mr. Desmarais called the continued public hearing back to order. Evan Watson of Prime Engineering and Peter Hawes of Acushnet Saw Mills were present for the hearing.

Mr. Watson started by reviewing changes that had been made to the overall proposal. The number of house lots had been reduced to twenty-four, and the single large subdivision had been broken into two smaller subdivisions on either end of the Hart Lot, no longer connecting Buddy's Crossing in Proprietors Acres to Chipaway Road via Fall Brook Estates. In the middle of the Hart and Robinson lots would be a solar farm. Wetlands were previously delineated and approved through an ANRAD filing, and any homes built in the future would file individual notices of intent for their circumstances. The primary erosion/siltation control planned is wood strand fencing, made of shredded tree stumps.

Mr. Desmarais asked Adam Kran of Environmental Partners if that firm had had an opportunity to review the most recent version. Mr. Kran stated they had and had issued a comment letter. Mr. Watson provided his response to the comment letter. Mr. Kran and Mr. Watson then worked through some of the areas where they still had disagreements, which Mr. Kran described as technical.

Mr. Mather inquired as to fencing around the drainage ponds. Mr. Watson stated that fencing had not been planned. Mr. Mather was concerned for children playing and others having access to the ponds. Compromise was reached in having a post-and-rail fence placed around the ponds. Mr. Mather also questioned the diagram for downspouts, and Mr. Watson explained the reason the particular design was chosen.

Mr. Desmarais asked if there were any questions or comments from the public, and there were none. A motion was made by Mr. Mather, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Mather, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to approve the most recent revision to the proposal with the following conditions:

- That roof infiltrators be revised to a "T" shape.
- That a post-and-rail fence be erected around the two drainage ponds.
- That riprap be placed at each outlet.
- That technical matters related to stormwater management at a distance from the wetlands can be addressed and revised through the Planning Board hearing process.

The motion carried unanimously.

Continued Request for Determination of Applicability – 27 Cliff Drive, Assonet

Mr. Desmarais noted that the applicants have plans being developed. A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to continue the RDA to August 13, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The motion carried unanimously.

Bills & Minutes

Bills paid since the previous meeting were recounted. The minutes of July 9, 2018 were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to approve the minutes as received. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business Properly Before the Commission

Joe Tavares was present relative to his Request for Determination of Applicability for 2 Assonet Boulevard, Assonet. Mr. Desmarais stated that the application was delivered to the Water Commission during the week of July 16th and had been mislaid, never making it to the Conservation Commission office. Since the application was properly and timely filed, but not delivered to the clerk, it was omitted from the agenda, but needed to be dealt with right away. Mr. Tavares described the work that he has done on the property since purchasing it from the Furtados, loaming and seeding to level the lot and level the area where the above-ground pool had been removed. He had, on his own accord, put in erosion and siltation control. A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to issue a negative determination #3. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Michael T. McCue, Senior Clerk