

**Freetown Conservation Commission**  
Minutes of the Monday, January 11, 2021 Meeting  
Held Remotely via Zoom.us

*Charlie Sullivan*  
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**Present:** Keven Desmarais, 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 5:00 p.m.

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

At this time, Mr. Desmarais advised anyone listening along that all plans, files, etc., to be reviewed would be available on the Town's website during the meeting. He then reviewed the public hearing process.

**Continued Notice of Intent – 3 Locust Street, Assonet**

**Continued Notice of Intent – 39 Sammy's Lane, Assonet**

**Continued Notice of Intent – 41 Water Street, Assonet**

**Continued Notice of Intent – 12 Forge Road, Assonet**

All of the projects listed have requested to be continued to January 25, 2021.

Mr. Desmarais called all the public hearings back to order that have requested to be continued.

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Keith Mello, to continue the public hearings to January 25, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

**Continued Notice of Intent – 3 Friend Street, Assonet**

Byron Holmes from Holmes Engineering, and the applicant Jim Rezendes, was present. Mr. Holmes explained that after receiving the peer review from Environmental Partners Group, and both Mr. Holmes and Mr. Rezendes agreed that most of the open comments are minor except one. Mr. Holmes asked for a waiver for Standard 2 of the Stormwater Management Standards. Environmental Partners Group recommended the Commission to grant the waiver in the peer review letter.

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Keith Mello, to grant the waiver from Standard 2 as recommended from Environmental Partners Group and as requested by the applicant because this includes discharges to Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage. The motion carries unanimously.

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Keith Mello, to continue to public hearing to January 25, 2021. The motion carries unanimously.

**Continued Notice of Intent – 0 Rocky Road (off Copicut Road), Assonet**

Byron Holmes from Holmes Engineering, and the applicant Jim Rezendes, was present. Mr. Holmes stated they responded to the original peer review letter that has been sent back to Environmental Partners Group and they are waiting for a response. Adam Kran, from Environmental Partners Group confirmed they received the funding and the response to their peer review. Mr. Kran stated that the next peer review is being worked on.

Charlie Sullivan, Conservation Commission Board Member, announced that he is now an abutter to this project and has filed paperwork with the Town Clerks office to make it clear it is not a conflict of interest. Mr. Sullivan asked Mr. Rezendes if he was okay with him acting on the project. Mr. Rezendes assured Mr. Sullivan he was okay with it.

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Keith Mello, to continue the public hearing to January 25, 2021. The motion carries unanimously.

#### **Request for Determination of Applicability – 20 South Main Street, Assonet**

Rene Gagnon, from Zenith Consulting Engineers, presented this septic system upgrade. Mr. Gagnon explained that the Assonet River runs along the rear of the property. The current septic system is a leeching pit that is 45 feet from the river and at an elevation where it is in the water table. The proposed plan is to remove that and put in a bottomless sand filter system as well as an advanced treatment system to clean the effluent before it goes back into the ground.

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Keith Mello, to issue a negative determination #3. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Old Business**

Mr. Sullivan brought up how the proposed job description for the gatekeeper requires the applicant to have a high school diploma. Mr. Sullivan suggested the Commission strike that from the gatekeeper job description. Mr. Desmarais agreed that it should be removed from the job description and stated that we can finalize the job descriptions at the next meeting.

#### **Minutes**

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Keith Mello, to approve the December 14, 2020 and December 28, 2020 meeting minutes as submitted. The motion carries unanimously.

#### **Meeting Adjourned**

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Keith Mello, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Victoria D'Antoni, Senior Clerk