

**Freetown Conservation Commission**  
Minutes of the Monday, May 9, 2022  
Held Remotely via Zoom.us

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**Present:** Keven Desmarais, Charlie Sullivan, Keith Mello, and Margaret French participated remotely via Zoom.

**Absent:** Chris Mather

**Call to Order:** Keven Desmarais called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

*Keith Mello recused himself.*

**Request for Determination of Applicability – 16 Pickens Avenue**

Keith Mello, the applicant, explained that during a recent windstorm two trees fell through his deck. Two trees are still partially standing, and a third tree is compromised. A letter from Apex Tree Care, LLC was submitted with the RDA that also explained the state the trees are in and why they need to be removed.

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Margaret French, to issue a negative determination #3. The motion carried with three in favor, Keith Mello recused.

*Keith Mello rejoined the meeting.*

**Request for Determination of Applicability – 133 Quanapoag Road**

Brad Fitzgerald, of SFG Associates, Inc., stated that this is a septic repair with associated grading. The leeching field at it closest point is 83 feet away from the wetlands. Erosion control is being proposed. They will loam and seed once work is finished and leave erosion control measures until the grass has grown. Mr. Desmarais asked what is being done with the old septic tank? Mr. Fitzgerald responded that the applicant wants to see if it is still sound, and if it is they will be using it, but if not, they will be removing it completely.

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Keith Mello, to issue a negative determination #3 with the condition that if the old septic tank is not being used, that it be removed entirely. The motion carries unanimously.

**Request for Determination of Applicability – 50 Mason Road**

Cliff Furtado, the applicant, stated that he is looking to fill part of his existing lawn area to give a more gradual slope as opposed to the current deep slope that is there now. Mr. Sullivan asked if the removal of any trees is being proposed. Mr. Furtado replied no, only fill and grading in the existing lawn area. Mr. Desmarais stated he would like to see a sketch to show where the wetlands are and where the grading will be done.

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Keith Mello, to issue a negative determination #3 with the condition that a sketch be provided. The motion carries unanimously.

**Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation – 0 Innovation Way**

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

Timothy McGuire of Goddard Consulting, Brian Dunn of MBL Land Development, and Kyle Raynor of VMD Companies, LLC were present. Mr. McGuire stated that a portion of the lot has a BVW system that was

delineated. Mr. Desmarais asked what the size of the wetlands on the property was. Mr. Dunn replied approximately 7,500sqft. Mr. Desmarais stated they would like to do a site inspection before the next meeting. The site inspection is schedule for Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm.

A motion was made by Keith Mello, seconded by Charlie Sullivan, to continue the public hearing to May 23, 2022. The motion carries unanimously.

#### **Continued Notice of Intent – 0 Locust Street and 0 George D. Williams Lot**

Mr. Desmarais called the public hearing back to order. Christopher Wagner, of VHB, stated they are in the process of responding to comments and should have the response in by later this week. Mr. Desmarais stated some of the things they typically put as conditions are the topping of trees, using a pollinator seed blend, and using the grinding of stumps to minimize the possibility of invasive species entering the site when possible.

A motion was made by Keith Mello, seconded by Charlie Sullivan, to continue the public hearing to May 23, 2022. The motion carries unanimously.

#### **Minutes**

A motion was made by Keith Mello, seconded by Charlie Sullivan, to approve the 04.25.2022 meeting minutes as submitted. The motion carries unanimously.

#### **Update on Gate for Porter Pasture**

Mr. Desmarais stated that the gate has been installed.

#### **Meeting Adjourned**

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by, Keith Mello, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm.

This is a True Record by me.

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