

Freetown Soil Conservation Board
Minutes of the Tuesday, April 21, 2015 Meeting
Multi-Purpose Senior Center, 227 Chace Road, East Freetown, Mass.

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Present: Lee Baumgartner, Lisa Pacheco, and Paul Sadeck

Absent: Keven Desmarais and Maria Ternullo

Call to order: Lee Baumgartner called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Discuss Extending Spring Permits to Expire on June 30, 2015

Mr. Sadeck explains the rationale behind extending the spring permits to June 30th, which is to line up the lives of the permits with the fiscal year. He notes that this would put all the permits on equal footing.

Mrs. Pacheco asked how the fees would be adjusted for permits to be extended for parts of years to achieve all permits ending at the same time. The clerk is unfamiliar with what the fee schedule is. Discussion ensues among the board members about whether to extend midyear permits to the following June or issue abbreviated permits, and whether to charge partial fees for partial years or waive fees for partial years.

Continuing on that discussion, the clerk notes that he could not locate the fall permits in the files, so he can't address how many there are and what the associated costs might be. Mrs. Pacheco suggested to review the agenda from the fall, and the clerk responds that the agenda is there but the meeting minutes and permits are not there; unless every permit was renewed for a full year, there's no way to tell what happened at the meeting. The most recent fall permits to be located were the ones expiring in 2013. Mrs. Pacheco asked if there was record of what payments were made in the fall of 2014, and the clerk responded that as of now none were located. Mr. Sadeck recommended checking with the Town Accountant to see what fees were collected and work backward from there, and noted that he (Mr. Sadeck) would have tape recordings of meetings if the minutes, etc., could not be located. He also noted that Cape Cod Aggregates has a three-year permit.

Mr. Sadeck loops the conversation back to the original question, should the permits run with the fiscal year? Mrs. Pacheco and Mr. Baumgartner both expressed agreement with the concept. Mrs. Pacheco wanted to hold off on making a formal motion not knowing the status of the fall permits. The clerk noted that if fall permits were in place, they would expire on Halloween. Mrs. Pacheco asked for further information to be obtained before tackling all of the permits.

A motion was made by Mrs. Pacheco, seconded by Mr. Baumgartner, to align the permits with the fiscal year and have inspections annually. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion is then held on whether to extend the existing spring permits, which expire on May 31, 2015, to expire instead on June 30, 2015. Mrs. Pacheco would prefer to inspect the sites first, so that any issues that may be found can be resolved before extending the permit. Mr. Sadeck reviews possible dates for site inspections. A consensus forms around Saturday, May 16th, and Mr. Sadeck asks if the clerk is available that date. The clerk responds he was not made aware that he would be asked to attend inspections when he was asked to clerk for the Soil Board, and that he would not likely be available any weekend. Further discussion settles on Wednesday, May 20th, and Mr. Sadeck asks Ali Golz to place the inspections on the selectmen's calendar.

Mrs. Pacheco asks that a letter be sent informing permit-holders about the inspection date and time and the changes being contemplated to fees and permits.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mrs. Pacheco, seconded by Mr. Baumgartner, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____

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