

Freetown Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Monday, August 10, 2015 Meeting
Town Hall, 3 North Main Street, Assonet, Mass.

Present: Keven Desmarais, Christopher Mather, Charles Sullivan, and Maria Ternullo.

Absent: Janine Robidoux.

Call to order: Keven Desmarais called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of July 20th were received. A motion was made by Mr. Mather, seconded by Mrs. Ternullo, to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Determination of Applicability – 50 Huron Avenue, East Freetown

Allen and Melanie Russell were present to discuss the project, to put a new foundation under an existing house and to put a slab for a detached garage. The house is an older summer cottage typical of the Hemlock Point area. Mr. Russell described the house as being on a foundation of little more than tree stumps that had been cut level. Mr. Desmarais asked if the foundation would be machine-dug or hand-dug. Mrs. Russell said it would be both. Mr. Desmarais asked if it would be a full basement for the house or a slab, and Mrs. Russell responded it would be a full basement for the house, and the garage would be on a slab. Discussion was held on how to accommodate preventing runoff, and it was suggested that a silt fence would be sufficient and would likely be the cheapest option. Mrs. Russell stated that the house would be dealt with first, and the garage would be in the future.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to issue a negative determination #3. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Determination of Applicability – 73 County Road, East Freetown

Patricia Fisher (working with the Mass. Rehab Commission) and Peter Lyons of Collins Engineering were present to discuss the project, which involves building a small addition to an existing single-family dwelling. The work is proposed to assist in reconfiguring the layout of the house to accommodate a disabled resident. The Building Department recommended that the addition not be made to the front of the house due to the setbacks.

A motion was made by Mr. Mather, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to issue a negative determination #3. The motion carried unanimously.

Requests for Certificates of Compliance – Borrego Solar Systems, Inc.

Certificates of Compliance were signed for projects at 27-R Locust Street, 67 Chace Road, and 135 Braley Road. These were previously voted on and approved.

Update – Maple Tree Crossing

Mr. Desmarais updated members on minor changes to the Maple Tree Crossing bridge rehabilitation project. These changes were made to comply with OSHA requirements. A motion was made by Mr. Mather, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to accept the changes. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Certificates of Compliance – 4 East Public Street, Assonet

Under other business properly to come before the commission, a request was received for a certificate of compliance for the project at 4 East Public Street after the posting time. To delay until the September meeting would cause a financial hardship as there is a real estate closing scheduled before that time. Mr. Desmarais stated the property was inspected. There were minor changes from the original plan, but these were noted on the as-built plan and were not detrimental to the situation.

A motion was made by Mr. Mather, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to issue a full certificate of compliance. The motion carried unanimously.

Continued Public Hearing – Lamb’s Village

A motion was made by Mrs. Ternullo, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to continue the hearing to Monday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The motion carried unanimously.

Bills

A motion was made by Mrs. Ternullo, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to pay bills to *The Standard-Times*, W. B. Mason, and for dues to the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Ternullo, to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Michael T. McCue, Senior Clerk

