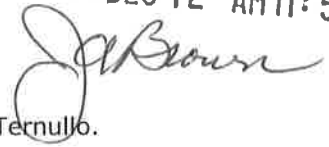


Freetown Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Monday, November 27, 2017 Meeting
Town Hall – Assonet, Mass.

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Present: Keven Desmarais, Janine Robidoux, Charles Sullivan, and Maria Ternullo.

Absent: Christopher Mather.

Call to order: Keven Desmarais called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Request for Determination of Applicability – 41 Flagg Swamp Road, East Freetown

Brad Fitzgerald was present to discuss the plan, which calls for replacing an existing septic system serving a four-bedroom duplex. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that at closest, the work will be fifty-one feet from the bordering vegetated wetlands. Since the Board of Health requires a seventy-five-foot setback, they will be requesting variances from that board. Siltation control proposed is depicted on the plans presented.

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

Request for Determination of Applicability – 57 Cliff Drive, Assonet

Carolyn DiFrancesco was present to discuss her request to add a small driveway/parking area on the south side of her house. She explained that she and her husband would like to park off the road in the winter, but the existing conditions (including a retaining wall along Cliff Drive) only allow for on-street parking. They propose to make a small cut on the retaining wall, bring in gravel or fill material to make a relatively level parking area, and then pave over it.

Mr. Desmarais reviewed siltation control, such as silt fence or hay bales. He recommended that silt fence be purchased, which Mr. & Mrs. DiFrancesco could likely install themselves, and that it be run from the corner of the house curving around the parking area to Fred Cook's property line.

Stockpiling of materials was also discussed, and Mrs. DiFrancesco was asked to make sure material is stockpiled in front of the house or otherwise protected to avoid runoff toward the river. It was also discussed not to stockpile material in the roadway.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to issue a negative determination #3, with the conditions that siltation control be in place before delivery of materials or commencing any work, and that any stockpiles or spoils be protected from runoff. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Certificate of Compliance – 77 Cliff Drive, Assonet

Mr. Desmarais noted this was an old filing for a dock. Action was delayed from a previous meeting when an old Enforcement Order was discovered. Neither the Order of Conditions nor the Enforcement Order was issued to the current owner, and everything appears compliant. A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to issue a complete Certificate of Compliance. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Certificate of Compliance – 162 Chace Road, East Freetown

Mr. Desmarais has viewed this property regularly as the new owners have straightened out issues they inherited. All work has now been satisfactorily completed. A motion was made by Mrs. Ternullo, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to issue a complete Certificate of Compliance. The motion carried unanimously.

Bills

Bills paid since the previous meeting were recounted.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of November 6th and November 21st were reviewed. A motion was made by Mrs. Ternullo, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to approve the minutes as received. The motion carried unanimously.

As part of the review of the November 6th minutes, Mr. Desmarais updated those present on progress toward securing and improving Porter Pasture, including grading the road and chaining the entrance.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mrs. Robidoux, seconded by Mrs. Ternullo, to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Michael T. McCue, Senior Clerk