

**Freetown Conservation Commission**  
Minutes of the Monday, June 27, 2019 Meeting  
Town Hall – Assonet, Mass.

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**Present:** Keven Desmarais, Janine Robidoux, and Charles Sullivan

**Absent:** Christopher Mather and Maria Ternullo.

**Call to order:** Keven Desmarais called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

**Notice of Intent – 25 Hemlock Point, East Freetown**

Mr. Desmarais called the public hearing to order. A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to waive the reading of the public hearing notice. The motion carried unanimously. Rick Charon was present on behalf of the applicants. The projects for both 25 and 27 Hemlock Point are being filed and completed together, but with separate Notices of Intent and Orders of Conditions so that the titles will not be jointly clouded if one finishes and the other does not. At 25 Hemlock Point, there is a proposal to use large stones backed by geofabric at the pond for erosion control, followed by geocells uphill that will be filled with dirt and planted. The geocell material will be anchored with 2' or 3' rebar driven into the sand. The stones at the pond level will run at least 50 feet in length, which triggered further review through the D.E.P. The existing deck and boathouse sit on a concrete slab that has extensive damage, so a new pad will be poured over the existing slab.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to continue the public hearing to Monday, July 29, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The motion carried unanimously.

**Notice of Intent – 27 Hemlock Point, East Freetown**

Mr. Desmarais called the public hearing to order. A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to waive the reading of the public hearing notice. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Charon indicated this is essentially the same project as at 25 Hemlock Point, and the two will be completed together. They share the same plan set. The property owner plans to enclose an existing porch with screen, but that is outside the purview of the Conservation Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to continue the public hearing to Monday, July 29, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The motion carried unanimously.

**Continued Notice of Intent – 46 Braley Road, East Freetown**

Mr. Desmarais called the public hearing back to order. Ken Motta, Bob Kelliher, and property owner Brian Jackson were present for the hearing. Mr. Motta described a project consisting of removing an existing parking area and construction an addition to the existing commercial structure. Existing drainage would be used to the extent possible. Wetlands lines were presented as confirmed during previous work circa 2002. All work will be carried out in previously-disturbed areas. Comments received from the D.E.P. were reviewed. Messrs. Desmarais, Motta, and Kelliher are all in agreement that the wetlands shown on the GIS mapping are in error, and that the D.E.P. is confusing a manmade drainage area for a wetland.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was then made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to approve the plans as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation – 0 Will's Way, Assonet**

Mr. Desmarais called the public hearing to order. A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to waive the reading of the public hearing notice. The motion carried unanimously. Jon Connell was present from SITEC to discuss the filing. Mr. Desmarais noted that the plans were out for engineering review, so there would be no action taken on the application at this meeting.

Mr. Connell described the wetlands line shown on the plan, and natural features of the property. Mr. Desmarais discussed prior filings for this property with the Planning Board, if not also with the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Desmarais alerted Mr. Connell to the outstanding taxes on the property and the jeopardy any permit applications face. All agreed it is the responsibility of the property owner to pay the taxes, not the applicant or engineer.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to continue the public hearing to Monday, July 29, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Update on Enforcement Order – 41 Water Street (Cudworth's Wharf), Assonet**

The clerk stated a man had come into the office requesting information about this property, representing a potential buyer. Mr. Desmarais requested to resume the practice of recording Enforcement Orders at the Registry of Deeds.

### **Any Other Business Properly Before the Commission**

None.

### **Bills & Minutes**

Bills paid since the previous meeting were recounted. The minutes of June 10th were received.

### **New Business**

- Updated filing requirements, specifically the necessity of obtaining a sign-off from the Tax Collector, were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to adopt the changes. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael T. McCue, Senior Clerk