

Freetown Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Tuesday, December 3, 2019 Meeting
Town Hall – Assonet, Mass.

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

Absent: Christopher Mather and Janine Robidoux.

Call to order: Keven Desmarais called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Continued Notice of Intent – 170 & 170-Rear So. Main St. (Guimond's Farm/Algonquin Gas), Assonet

Mr. Desmarais called the hearing back to order and noted that Mark Rosofsky was recording the meeting. Mr. Rosofsky stated he was recording only this portion of the meeting.

Brandon Carr of DiPrete Engineering addressed changes made to the plan since the last meeting. Sediment basins have been added to sand filters along the causeway skirting the manmade pond. Scott Turner of Environmental Partners Group, the town's review engineer, stated EPG is comfortable with the changes made to this part of the plan.

Mr. Carr noted differences were also worked out with regard to jurisdictional areas around the entryway to the property off South Main Street. Mr. Turner agreed that positive changes had been proposed for the entry area, such as catch basins with hoods and sumps, and felt these changes were a big improvement. Also noted as an alteration was the widening of the entryway to prevent trucks from crossing into opposing traffic when entering or exiting the site.

Mr. Carr next reviewed the plan of the proposed Conservation Restriction easement, noting that the area proposed is approximately 132 acres, representing all area between the Taunton River and the river-side of the scope of proposed work.

Mr. Desmarais asked if there were any questions or comments from the public, and there were none. A motion was then made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Ternullo, to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Desmarais asked what the process was for executing and securing the easement, and whether the easement would come from Riverfront Business Park or from Copart. Mr. Carr believed it would come from Copart, but deferred to the applicant's attorney, Tom Killoran. Mr. Killoran stated the easement would be enacted by Copart, but the Conservation Commission could secure its interest by conditioning that building permits or certificates of occupancy be withheld until the easement is in place.

The clerk asked to clarify if cellar holes near the Sears property were within or outside the latest iteration of the easement area. Mr. Carr stated they were near to the line, either just inside of just outside. He agreed to adjust the line if necessary to include the cellar holes in the easement area.

Mr. Desmarais asked Mr. Turner if EPG suggested any conditions. Mr. Turner stated there was a desire to secure the submission of outstanding administrative documents. Consensus of the commission and applicants was to have all documentation submitted within thirty days.

Mr. Desmarais described his trip to South Carolina to observe Copart's operation there. This was described in the November 25th minutes, but repeated here for the benefit of those not in attendance that night.

A motion was then made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Ternullo, to approve the plans dated December 2, 2019, with the following conditions:

1. Updated Stormwater Management, Operations & Maintenance, and Soil Erosion documents must be submitted to Environmental Partners Group within thirty days (January 2, 2020).
2. The Conservation Restriction easement must be recorded prior to the issuance of any building permits.

The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

The proposed Conservation Restriction was discussed under the Continued Notice of Intent for 170 and 170-Rear South Main Street.

Request for Certificate of Compliance

This item was passed over for not having been able to schedule a site inspection prior to this meeting.

Bills & Minutes

Bills paid since the previous meeting were recounted. The minutes of November 25th were received. A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Ternullo, to approve the minutes as received. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business Properly Before the Commission

A request was received from Borrego Solar to walk sites for which they propose work at 76 Quanapoag Road and on the Acushnet Saw Mills property south of 41 Braley Road. Members will not be available to walk the Quanapoag Road property prior to the next meeting, and would prefer to receive a filing before walking the Braley Road site.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Ternullo, to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Michael T. McCue, Senior Clerk