

**Freetown Conservation Commission**  
Minutes of the Monday, March 14, 2022  
Held Remotely via Zoom.us

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*Chryse E. Scott*

**Present:** Keven Desmarais, Charlie Sullivan, Keith Mello, and Margaret French participated remotely via Zoom.

**Absent:** Chris Mather

**Call to Order:** Keven Desmarais called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

*Note: As this meeting was conducted remotely, all votes taken were by roll call.*

At this time, Mr. Desmarais advised anyone listening along that all plans, files, etc., to be reviewed would be available on the Town's website during the meeting. He then reviewed the public hearing process.

**Continued Notice of Intent – 67 Chace Road**  
**Continued Notice of Intent – Off Chipaway Road**  
**Continued Notice of Intent – 0 Rear and 5 Costa Drive**  
**Continued Notice of Intent – 43 Water Street**

The applicants have requested to be continued due to being in peer review.

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Margaret French, to continue the public hearings to March 28, 2022. The motion carries unanimously.

*Keith Mello joined the meeting.*

**Request for Determination of Applicability – 53 High Street**

Mr. Desmarais stated this is for a previously approved Notice of Intent project for minor wetland replication. Troy Knowles, the applicant, stated he would like to finish it this summer.

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Keith Mello, to issue a negative determination with all the conditions listed on the original order of conditions to be applied. The motion carries with three in favor, Charlie Sullivan abstained.

**Request for Determination of Applicability – Mill Brook Bogs Restoration Project**

Alex Hackman and Fletcher Clark, from MassWildlife, were present. Mr. Hackman stated that this project is for upland habitat restoration on the westerly side of the property, and they are asking to thin out trees and store them on the property in the sandy cleared area on the site. Mr. Clark explained that there are an abundance of white pine trees that have taken over. The idea is to thin those out, store them on site, and then use them during the wetland restoration process. Mr. Hackman mentioned that what they are asking for is innovative; using white pine trees from the site will save carbon because they will not be transporting trees from across the country, and this will save an estimated \$400,000-\$500,000 on the project.

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Keith Mello, to issue a negative determination #3. The motion carries unanimously.

**Notice of Intent – 0 Locust Street and 0 George D. Williams Lot**

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Keith Mello, to waive the reading of the public hearing notice. The motion carries unanimously.

Taylor Donovan, of VHB, was present. Mr. Desmarais explained that this project is going through the Form C process through the Planning Board and has not been approved yet and that because the subdivision isn't approved yet, the Site Plan Review with the Planning Board has not been filed yet. Typically, the projects are ran concurrently with Planning Board and Conservation that way peer review can be done at the same time which will save the applicant money and time. Ms. Donovan stated she would like a continuance.

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Keith Mello, to continue the public hearing to March 28, 2022. The motion carries unanimously.

**Meeting Adjourned**

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Keith Mello, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Victoria D'Antoni, Senior Clerk