

Freetown Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Monday, April 11, 2022
Held Remotely via Zoom.us

2022 MAY -3 AM 10:09

Chief O. A. Ebo

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 6:10 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 – 0 Locust Street and 0 George D. Williams Lot
Continued Notice of Intent – 92 Narrows Road

The applicants have requested a continuance.

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Keith Mello, to continue the public hearings to April 25th, 2022. The motion carries unanimously.

Request for Determination of Applicability – 201 County Road (Formerly 245 County Road)

Nancy Kitchen, of BLK, stated that when she reached out to the Town, she was not made aware of any additional permits required. They took down dying and hazardous trees. Mr. Desmarais asked could place siltation control around the areas where the work is being done.

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

Continued Notice of Intent – 43 Water Street

Steven Gioiosa, of SITEC Engineering, stated that they did consider Environmental Partners comments on the peer review and adjusted the plans accordingly. They will be applying for all necessary state permits.

A motion was made by Keith Mello, seconded by Charlie Sullivan, to close the public hearing. The motion carries unanimously.

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Keith Mello, to approve the plans as submitted with the conditions that no work should be conducted from April to June and daily inspections for wildlife impact be conducted. The motion carries unanimously.

Keven Desmarais left the meeting.

Open Space Consultant – Warrant Articles

Mike McCue, Open Space Consultant, stated that there are two articles that have been previously brought to the Commission's attention but were decided to wait on for timing purposes. The first proposed article is to request rollback tax funding to the Conservation Land Fund. Mr. McCue explained that the amount they would be requesting for this upcoming town meeting is \$49,558.85. Mr. Mello asked if Mr. McCue thinks that there would be a lot of push back on this. Mr. McCue responded that the Town is in a good place now and does not think there will be much argument that the money will be better spent somewhere else. Mr. Mello asked how long the Commission has to use this money. Mr. McCue responded that it sits in an account until it is ready to

be used. Mr. Sullivan asked if they would have to have a Town Meeting vote to spend the money. Mr. McCue does not believe that it will require a vote at Town meeting to spend the money in that account. Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Mello, and Ms. French all expressed they were in favor of this article.

A motion was made by Keith Mello, seconded by Margaret French, to try to put this article on the warrant for Town meeting. The motion carries unanimously.

Mr. McCue explained that the second proposed article is to update the zoning map with open space parcels to show what parcels are not available to develop. There are several properties that were acquired by the Conservation Commission, DCR, Fall River Water, etc. Mr. Sullivan stated that he thinks they should try to get this on for the Town meeting. Mr. Mello agreed with Mr. Sullivan and added that if it cannot be put on for this upcoming Town meeting, it can be put on for the fall.

A motion was made by Keith Mello, seconded by Margaret French, to try to put this article on the warrant for Town meeting. The motion carries unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Keith Mello, seconded by Margaret French, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Victoria D'Antoni, Senior Clerk