

Freetown Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Monday, June 13, 2022
Held Remotely via Zoom.us

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

Absent: Keven Desmarais, Chris Mather

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

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

Continued Notice of Intent – 92 Narrows Road

Continued Notice of Intent – 11 GM Way

The applicants have requested continuances to July 11, 2022.

A motion was made by Keith Mello, seconded by Margaret French, to continue the public hearings to July 11, 2022. The motion carries unanimously.

Notice of Intent – 108 Slab Bridge Road

A motion was made by Keith Mello, seconded by Margaret French, to open the public hearing. The motion carries unanimously.

Paul Jahnige, of the Department of Conservation and Recreation and Naomi Valentine, of SWCA Consultants, were present. Mr. Jahnige stated the project proposes repairs to the smokey bear trail. The repairs are the replacement of two and one new puncheon wetland crossings. The new crossings will have concrete footing reducing the impacts to the wetland.

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

A motion was made by Keith Mello, seconded by Margaret French, to approve the Notice of Intent as submitted. The motion carries unanimously.

Notice of Intent – 35 East Public Street

A motion was made by Keith Mello, seconded by Margaret French, to open the public hearing. The motion carries unanimously.

Nyles Zager, of Zenith Consulting Engineers, and Tim Pillarella, applicant, were present. Mr. Zager stated they are proposing to raze the existing house and build a new house. The proposed new single-family home complies with all zoning requirements. There will be a new septic system put in completely outside of the 100-foot buffer zone. The proposed home is within the buffer to Assonet Bay and partially in the flood zone. There is little work within the 50-foot buffer zone. The house will be serviced by Town water. All perc tests have been completed and passed. There is no work proposed within the Natural Heritage boundary. Mr. Sullivan asked how much bigger the proposed home is compared to the existing one. Mr. Zager replied it is approximately 2.5 times bigger. Ms. French asked if the septic was being put in a new place. Mr. Zager replied yes, it is being moved completely outside of the buffer zone which is a significant improvement.

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

A motion was made by Keith Mello, seconded by Margaret French, to approve the Notice of Intent as submitted with the condition that placards be placed at the limit of work. The motion carries unanimously.

Notice of Intent – 24 Rounsevell Drive

Nyles Zager, of Zenith Consulting Engineers, was present. Mr. Zager stated that this is currently vacant lot, and the applicant is proposing to construct a single-family home. There is a driveway proposed along the property line. Perc tests have been completed and a permit has been issued by the Board of Health pending Conservation Commission approval. All work is outside of the 25-foot buffer zone. All zoning requirements are met.

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

A motion was made by Keith Mello, seconded by Margaret French, to approve the Notice of Intent with the condition that placards are placed on posts along the 25-foot buffer zone. The motion carries unanimously.

Chapter 61 Notification – 81 High Street (Lot B)

A motion was made by Keith Mello, seconded by Margaret French, to waive the right of first refusal. The motion carries unanimously.

Minutes

A motion was made by Keith Mello, seconded by Margaret French, to approve the 05.23.2022 meeting minutes as submitted. The motion carries unanimously.

Refunds

Gurney Farm, TJA Clean Energy LLC, Notice of Intent, \$773.87 + interest
67 Chace Road & Off Chipaway, TJA Clean Energy LLC, ANRAD, \$46.50 + interest
3 Friend Street, Kenneth Rezendes, Notice of Intent, \$297.25 + interest
35 Copicut Road, Kenneth Rezendes, Notice of Intent, \$62 + interest
43 Water Street, Deborah Pettey, Notice of Intent, \$793.75 + interest
112 Braley Road, SunPin Energy Services, LLC, ANRAD, \$537.75 + interest
12 Forge Road, Atlantic Design Engineers, Notice of Intent, \$1,750 + interest

A motion was made by Keith Mello, seconded by Margaret French, to refund the accounts listed. The motion carries unanimously.

Discussion and Take Action Relative to Gatekeeper Candidate Mark Rocca

Ms. D’Antoni stated that an interview was conducted last week with the Chair, and they recommend moving forward with the applicant.

A motion was made by Keith Mello, seconded by Margaret French, to appoint Mark Rocca as gatekeeper. The motion carries unanimously.

A motion was made by Keith Mello, seconded by Margaret French to amend the previous motion to appoint Mark Rocca as gatekeeper pending a CORI check. The motion carries unanimously.

Review – Open Meeting Law Complaint

A motion was made by Keith Mello, seconded by Margaret French, to authorize the response to the Open Meeting Law Complaint. The motion

Reappointments

a. Reappoint Keven V. Desmarais to the Soil Board

- b. Reappoint Victoria D'Antoni as Senior Clerk
- c. Reappoint Mike McCue as Open Space Consultant

A motion was made by Keith Mello, seconded by Margaret French, to appoint everyone listed. 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 6:34 pm.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Victoria D'Antoni, Senior Clerk

