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**Town of Freetown
Conservation Commission**

Minutes of the Monday, April 24, 2023 Meeting
Held Hybrid at the Multi-Purpose Senior Center, 227 Chace Road and Zoom

Present in Person: Keven Desmarais and Charles Sullivan. **Present over Zoom:** Margaret French.

Absent: Keith Mello and Chris Mather.

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

Note: As this meeting was conducted as a hybrid and a member participated remotely, all votes taken were by roll call.

Notice of Intent – 30 Island Road Ext

Mr. Desmarais called the public hearing to order. Mr. Desmarais asked Victoria D'Antoni if there were shortcomings with the filing. Ms. D'Antoni stated yes, not everyone was notified, and the notice wasn't posted in a timely manner. Mr. Desmarais said it was advertised, some of the notifications were done relative to the required abutters notifications, however they omitted both of the water districts, and our in-house public hearing notice wasn't posted in a timely manner so the deadline was missed. Mr. Desmarais said because they have to notify the other abutters, they'll do that in the interim, the Commission won't take any testimony nor will it be brought up at this point. The Commission will wait until the abutters have been notified and the public hearing notice has been posted for the recommended time.

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Margaret French, to continue the public hearing to May, 8, 2023, at 6:00p.m., hybrid meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Extension of Order of Conditions – East Chipaway Road (Lamb's Village), SE 026-0526

Mr. Desmarais stated at the last meeting, the Commission received an unexpected request for an extension. The request came in within 48 hours of the meeting. Mr. Desmarais said the Commission voted to extend the order for 1 year with the understanding that we would ratify the vote at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Margaret French, to ratify the vote to extend the Order of Conditions by 1 year. The motion carried unanimously.

Rescind the Appointment of Jonathan Rocca as Gatekeeper Effective 04.24.2023

Mr. Desmarais said Jonathan Rocca did an outstanding job last year, and unfortunately his schedule doesn't allow him to be as available. Mr. Rocca came into the office and verbally asked to be removed from this position. The Town Clerks office, asked if the Commission could rescind the position for the remainder of the 2023 fiscal year.

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Margaret French, to rescind the appointment of Jonathan Rocca effective starting 04.24.2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

The 04.04.2023 meeting minutes weren't sent out due to not being finished. Mr. Desmarais asked if the minutes would be ready to review at the next meeting. Ms. D'Antoni stated yes and they're within the allotted timeframe.

Any Other Business Properly to Come Before the Conservation Commission

Ms. French noted that Mr. Luiz, from 13 Estelle Ave, has been working, moving dirt and concrete barriers. Mr. Desmarais said Mr. Luiz has an active permit, as such we have the ability and a right to go on site and do inspections. If you think it's to the point that it's not making sense, we can certainly take a look. Ms. French said no, she wanted to let commission know he is working.

Mr. Desmarais said he and Ms. D'Antoni conducted a joint presentation with SRPEDD and Save the Bay on good lawn care and maintenance in and around Long Pond and the watershed. There will be another workshop on septic maintenance, and the other two are field visits regarding rain gardens and buffers. They'll go to

people's homes and offer good gardening tips. They'll discuss different ways to mitigate runoff and nitrogen loading in the pond. Mr. Desmarais said information is available on the Town's website.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Margaret French, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Deanna Hayes, Senior Clerk