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**Town of Freetown  
Conservation Commission**  
Minutes of the Monday, June 1, 2023 Meeting  
Held on Zoom, Virtual Meeting

**Present over Zoom:** Keven Desmarais, Keith Mello, Margaret French and Chris Mather.

**Absent:** Charles Sullivan.

**Call to Order:** Keven Desmarais called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

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

**Request for Certificate of Compliance – 21 Estelle Ave, SE 026-0402**

The request is regarding the instillation of a deck from several years ago. Mr. Desmarais has been by to see it, and he has no issues with it.

A motion was made by Chris Mather, seconded by, Margaret French, to issue a certificate of compliance. The motion carried unanimously.

**Request for Certificate of Compliance-21 Estelle Ave, SE 026-0395**

The request relates to a septic system upgrade from a 2004 Order of Conditions. Mr. Desmarais stated everything was done and a certificate of compliance was issued on the septic.

A motion was made by Chris Mather, seconded by, Margaret French to issue the certificate of compliance. The motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion and Take Action Relative to Appointing Lexie Rocca as Gatekeeper effective 05/26/2023**

The gate at Porter Pasture is opened and closed every day, 7 days a week from Memorial Day through Columbus Day. One gatekeeper from last season chose not to continue so they're looking to hire another gatekeeper so the Town can have two. Mr. Desmarais and Victoria Alfaro, the Planning and Land Use Administrator, interviewed Ms. Rocca. They believe she can do a good job as her other job will not affect her ability to do this one. Mr. Mather asked about the rate of pay and if they needed to stay at the location all day. Mrs. Alfaro said no, in the morning they'd open the gate and look around to see if there's a tree down or trash they can dispose of. Then it would be repeated in the evening when they close the gate. The rate of pay is the current minimum wage of \$15.00 an hour. The Commission already voted on this but it needs to be reaffirmed, then it can go to the Selectmen to set the pay rate and reaffirm the \$15.00 starting wage.

A motion was made by Chris Mather, seconded by, Margaret French, to appoint Lexie Rocca as gatekeeper effective 05/06/2023. The motion carried unanimously.

**Any Other Business Properly to Come Before the Conservation Commission**

A motion was made by Chris Mather, seconded by, Margaret French, to reaffirm that the Gatekeeper payrate be equal to the minimum wage. The motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting Adjourned**

A motion was made by Chris Mather, seconded by, Margaret French, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deanna Hayes, Senior Clerk