

Freetown Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Wednesday, May 4, 2016 Meeting
Town Hall – Assonet, Mass.



Present: Keven Desmarais, Christopher Mather, Janine Robidoux, and Charles Sullivan

Absent: Maria Ternullo.

Call to order: Keven Desmarais called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of April 25th were not received.

Continued Notice of Intent – 0 Bullock Rd. & 0 Rear Bullock Rd. ("Ethel S. Austin Lot"), E. Freetown

Dave Albrecht from Borrego Solar was present to discuss the project. Revised plans were submitted showing grading information as previously requested. This included existing conditions with topographic lines added and proposed grading.

Mr. Desmarais stated that a final review letter came in from Environmental Partners, and members were provided with copies. He stated that the commission will look to Ryan Trahan to do inspections periodically to ensure stormwater management is compliant. Mr. Trahan will also handle inspections through the Planning Board for their requirements, and this will reduce duplication of costs and tasks.

It was noted that hay/straw will be spread over disturbed areas during work to help with sediment control. With regard to isolated land subject to flooding, trees will be topped but not stumped or ground down. This will eliminate shade but not impact the land, and will avoid needing to consult the Army Corps of Engineers. Work will be similar to that previously carried out on Locust Street in Assonet.

Mr. Albrecht was asked to have the areas to be cleared and areas to be fenced staked out for a pre-site meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Mather, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to approve the revised plans as submitted with the following conditions:

1. Conservation Commission to be provided with copies of any federal permits.
2. Conservation Commission's consultant to be allowed site access for periodic inspections. If problems arise, the consultant may either request immediate correction or request that the applicant return to the Conservation Commission.
3. No filling or excavating will occur within the isolated vegetated wetlands, and tree clearing (no stumping) will be limited to that necessary to minimize shading impact to the solar arrays. This may include trimming the tops of trees but not cutting them at ground level.

The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Mather, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: Michael T. McCue
Michael T. McCue, Senior Clerk