

Freetown Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Monday, October 17, 2016 Meeting
Town Hall – Assonet, Mass.

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

Absent: Maria Ternullo.

Call to order: Keven Desmarais called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of October 3rd were received. A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Mather, to approve the minutes as received. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Determination of Applicability – 0 Cleveland Park Road, East Freetown

John Chace, property owner, was present to discuss his proposal. Mr. Desmarais introduced the project by reminding members it had been before the Conservation Commission in about 2007, and that a previous approval had now expired. Mr. Desmarais asked if there had been any changes since 2007, and Mr. Chace replied that there had not. Mr. Desmarais stated this had been an old cranberry bog that was filled in after properly determining that it was an upland bog. Mr. Mather suggested some of the WPA buffer zone placards be put up along the buffer zone near the common property line with John Parks.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Mather, to issue a negative determination #3, with the condition that two WPA buffer zone placards be put up along the buffer zone near the common property line with John Parks. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Certificate of Compliance – 162 Chace Road, East Freetown

This item was passed over until November 7th as a site inspection had not yet taken place.

Notification of Emergency Repair Work

Exempt from Filing – Algonquin Gas Line, Old Slab Bridge Rd.

Notification was received and placed on file.

Continued Notice of Intent – Lamb's Village, East Chipaway Road, East Freetown

A motion was made by Mr. Mather, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to continue the hearing to Monday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The motion carried unanimously.

Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to pay bills as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on Fees Charged by Area Towns

Commissioners were provided with copies of fees charged by Berkley, Carver, Dartmouth, Lakeville, Middleborough, Plymouth, Raynham, Wareham, and Westport. Mrs. Robidoux asked where the money would go if Freetown were to charge fees, and Mr. Desmarais replied that they would go into the General Fund. Mr. Sullivan felt that the town provides a budget, and fees should be charged only for extraneous purposes and not for routine purposes. The general consensus of the commission was that fees should be considered where there is an actual cost to be recovered, but not for the sake of charging a fee. The clerk was requested to come up with scenarios where an unusual cost is incurred.

Any Other Business Properly Before the Board

None.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Mather, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

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