

Minutes of the Meeting for the Halifax Conservation Commission June 14, 2022

Present at the Meeting: Kathy Evans, Edward Lane, Chris Hadorn, Kimberley King.
Absent: Colleen Fiumara.

The Conservation Commission meeting was opened at 7:00 pm by Chair Evans.

7:00pm: RDA: 23 Richview Ave. – Tree and Stump Removal.

- Jillian Back, owners of the property were present to discuss tree and stump removal on their property that is within the buffer zone. There are 8 trees within the buffer zone, seven of which were previously approved within an expired NOI, that she would like to again receive approval to remove. One is right next to the water. They previously had a tree fall on the house and they continue to lose large branches and need to have the trees removed before another one falls on the house. Member Hadorn asked if any of the trees belonged to the neighbors. Ms. Back was not sure, but states she has spoken with the neighbor and she is fine with taking them down even if they belong to her. Stumps will be ground down. In addition to a standard OOC, swamp mats should be put down where any equipment will be and silt socks should also be used.

Motion was made to approve the RDA with a standard OOC and a special OOC as discussed.

Motion: Edward Lane

Second: Kimberley King

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7:05pm: COC: 0 Spring St.

- Chair Evans opened the hearing at 7:05pm.

Motion was made to approve the COC.

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For Discussion:

- Halifax Estates – Dot Lamoreaux, Secretary was present along with Frank the VP to discuss the sites of concern discussed at the 5/10 meeting. No Conservation members were able to visit the site yet due to Covid illness. Call Debbie to set up an appointment for a site visit. Tentative visit 6/20 at 8:00am by Chair Evans and Member Hadorn.
- 37 Ocean Ave. discussion and review of photos. Photos of stone wall on the shoreline that is failing. They do not have the funds to hire an engineer or make the repairs and would like to add mortar. Chair Evans said that they are not allowed to put mortar in the wall but doesn't have an idea of what could be used instead. They can put rocks back in place, but can not use anything to hold them there. Resident Amy Troup was in attendance in concern of the Zoning variance that was issued for 31 Ocean Ave. which is right next door. 31 Ocean Ave. was a tear down and rebuild on a much bigger footprint and she believes that is the cause for the failure of the stone wall at the adjacent property of 37 Ocean Ave. Member King-Cavicchi suggested contacting Rep. LaNatra to see if anything can be done with a shoreline grant. Advised that a NOI will have to be filed and an engineer hired.
- 31 Ocean Ave. building of a dock without a permit and paving a paper street. Mr. McKinnon of 31 Ocean Ave. were in attendance. Closed on 12/10 and contacted the building department. He was informed by the inspector that he did not need to get a permit for the dock. The building inspector, police chief and fire chief all inspected the construction and were fine with it. There was no concrete, just pressure treated lumber. There are 13 other pt docks also in the lake at this time. It is a 60' dock with no pilings, pt is just sitting in the sand. It has a non-hydraulic boat lift with an electronic solar charged winch. No hydraulic hoses or cylinders. It has pergola on it that partially shades the dock. Nothing above the structure is allowed whether it is load bearing or not. The commission asked that the dock be taken out immediately. Depth is 40' at the 60' length of the dock. As far as the paving, he paved an 8 x12 space next to his septic system to park on and it is an issue. However, the police told him to not park in the street. It is within the 100' buffer and did not get permission from Conservation. Chief Chaves came in mid discussion. It doesn't interfere with swimming or boating lanes. He suggested writing the steps out for a resident to have a dock or deck on the pond. Harbormaster should be making a site visit and then send a letter to ConCom and the BOS. That is where his responsibility ends. Chair Evans said that the dock needs to be taken out. Now discussion on removal has to happen. How is it going to be taken out? Cutting the pt lumber on the lake is not permitted. Resident stated that he thinks that there are fish eggs around the legs of the docks. King-Cavicchi is concerned that he may not be able to move the dock or even use it if there are in fact fish eggs. King-Cavicchi will go out and make a site visit early Friday morning and take photos of both the dock and the paving. Decisions will be made following the site visit but the dock will need to be removed. The resident advised that his attorney will be present for the next hearing. King-Cavicchi suggested a follow up with the Building Inspector. Continue to the meeting at 7:00pm July 28, 2022.

Review Interoffice Mail: *(Looking for any comments, questions, or concerns the Conservation Commissions might have on this property/project)*

- Non received.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- None to approve.

Bills:

- **MACC - \$15.00**

A motion was made to approve the bills as read.

Motion: Edward Lane

Second: Chris Hadorn

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Permits:

- N/A

Mail received:

- None received.

Open Comments:

- None received.

8:16 p.m. – Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Edward Lane

Second: Chris Hadorn

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Respectfully typed and submitted by:

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Conservation Commission

Approved Date: 7-18-23

Kathy Evans

Chris Hadorn

Edward Lane

Colleen Biumara

Kimberley King

Next Meeting: June 28, 2022.