

# Minutes of the Meeting for the Halifax Conservation Commission September 13, 2022

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These minutes are an abstract of the Conservation Commission meeting held Tuesday, April 25, 2023, which are on file with the Conservation Department and posted on the Town of Halifax website and Area58 Halifax's YouTube page. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ptwymOLsZzk>

**Present at the Meeting:** Kathy Evans, Edward Lane, Kimberley King, Steve Goodman.  
**Absent:** Colleen Fiumara.

Chair Evans calls the Halifax Conservation Commission meeting into session, states members present.

## **HEARINGS FOR VOTE AND SIGNATURE:**

**7:00 PM – 25 A Street – NOI – Joe Webby Engineering.**

- Joe Webby, Webby Engineering informed the Board that a tree fell on resident's home and septic repair. The closest activity to the 50' buffer zone is the septic system, and they will remain within the original footprint of the home.

**A motion was made to approve 25 A Street with the condition of Board of Health approval.**

**Motion:** Kimberley King

**Second:** Edward Lane

**ALL in Favor:** (3-0)

**7:10 PM – 63 Palmer Mill Rd – RDA – McGlone Enterprises.**

- Shayne McGlone, McGlone Enterprises informed the Board that a new septic system is being installed at the property with Board of Health approval and reviewed with them the septic plan.

**A motion was made to approve 63 Palmer Mill Road.**

**Motion:** Kimberley King

**Second:** Steve Goodman

**ALL in Favor:** (3-0)

**7:15 PM – River Street Solar Project – Amended Order of Conditions/Revised plans – Charlie Grant and Bob Grant present.**

- Mr. Bob Grant presented the revised/amended plans to the Board for the Solar Project started in 2018. Presented was a conventional fixed tilt ground mount system with a smaller footprint and array was designed and presented to the Planning Board and now the Conservation Commission.
- The Board and Mr. Grant(s) discussed the road access area, the array, the approvals required for the project to move forward, water flow, culvert, clean water act,

**A motion was made to approve the August 04, 2022, amended plan for the Solar Array Project.**

**Motion:** Edward Lane

**Second:** Kimberley King

**ALL in Favor:** (3-0)



**A motion was made to add the emergency agenda item placed on where we forgot to add interviews and already contact applicants and not waste the applicants' time.**

**Motion:** Kimberley King

**Second:** Steve Goodman

**ALL in Favor:** (3-0)

The Board interviewed Mr. Jeremy Gillespi to be an associate member for the Conservation Commission. He is interested because he has concerns about things going on at the East Lake and the deforestation around 20 Holmes Street. The Board informed Mr. Gillespi that the Secretary sent a letter inviting the homeowner to come but hasn't so the Board will have a general discussion. A cease & desist has been sent. Mr. Gillespi also stated he has concerns about 515 Monponsett Street and land clearing to the shoreline. The Board will contact the homeowners to come before the Board. Mr. Gillespi has not been on a Board before, enjoys the outdoors, believes all residents should follow Conservation and Wetlands by-laws and is available to sit on the Board for the days and hours the Board meets. The Board thanked Mr. Gillespi for interviewing.

### **DISCUSSIONS / ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN:**

#### **20 Holmes Street** – status of Wetlands Act violation

- The Board discussed the fact that the homeowners did not appear at the meeting as requested in a letter sent on August 30, 2022. The letter stated that daily fines are possible and may accrue. Kimberley King read into record the Notice of Public Hearing for a special permit and variance to raze and rebuild a single-family dwelling.
- The Board and members of the public discussed the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) hearing the night before (09/12/22) regarding the special permit and variance. It was not approved at ZBA's meeting, a site-visit is scheduled for October 01, 2022. Discussed was the possibility of the extension on the footprint of the house and attachment to the garage. Conservations NOI expired, owner's need to come before the Board. The Board will follow-up with owners. Fines of \$50.00 a day until the owner's come before the Board.

**A motion was made to fine 20 Holmes Street \$50.00 a day until the owner's come before the Board.**

**Motion:** Edward Lane

**Second:** Steve Goodman

**ALL in Favor:** (3-0)

#### **31 Ocean Avenue** – status of Wetlands Act violation

- The Board discussed the fact that the homeowners did not appear at the meeting and that the fine of \$150.00 was paid. The Board discussed a site-visit demand letter and increase of fines if denied. Secretary will reach-out to homeowner.

Chair Evans asked if there was anything else the members had for the meeting tonight.

Kimberley King informed the Board that she spoke with the Town Clerk, Sue Lawless and as long as there is no discussion or votes, and as long as the Board adds to the agenda items every week the "Educational Forum" the Board should go over the open meeting laws as the Board members all wanted to be involved. As long as it's discussed at the meeting there can be more than three (3) members, there can't be any votes and they can collaborate with the Board of Health.

**BILLS:**

WB Mason \$70.95

Express Newspapers

Legal Advertisements \$315 (Ad# 13267, 13477, 13478, 13544, 13314, 13375, 13627, 13628)

MACC Fundamentals Courses and materials \$205.15

**A motion was made to approve payment of bills.**

**Motion:** Kimberley King

**Second:** Edward Lane

**ALL in Favor:** (3-0)

**SECRETARIAL:**

Review and sign interoffice memos. **None tonight.**

**ADJOURN:**

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:00pm.

**Motion:** Edward Lane

**Second:** Steve Goodman


**ALL in Favor:** (3-0)

**Next Meeting:** September 27, 2022

**Respectfully typed and submitted by:**


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Conservation Commission

**Approved Date:** September 05, 2023

  
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Kathy Evans, Chair

  
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Edward Lane, Co-Chair

  
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Kimberly King, Secretary

  
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Steve Goodman, Member