



## Halifax Conservation Commission Revised October 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes

These minutes are an abstract of the Conservation Commission meeting held Tuesday, October 17, 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=MBy6hZGKKFo>

**Present at the Meeting:** Edward Lane, Co-Chair, Steve Goodman, Member, Melanie Martin-Plant, Member.

**Absent:** Kathy Evans, Chair, Kimberley King, Secretary.

Vice Chair Lane calls the Halifax Conservation Commission meeting into session and states members present.

**The Conservation Commission meeting opened at 7:00pm.**

### Hearings:

- **7:05pm: 111 River Street – ANRAD – Continued Hearing:** Rebecca Baptista
  - Approval of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVM).
    - Ecosystems Solutions Continued Peer Review.
      - Rebecca Baptista, Representative for Silva Engineering presented the Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) and Ecosystem Solutions peer review to the Board. Request to continue so that Mr. Thompson and the Botanist can do a site-visit to ensure an accurate delineation.

A motion was made to continue to Conservations 11/07/23 meeting at 7:05pm.

**Motion:** Steve Goodman

**Second:** Melanie Martin-Plant

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

- **7:10pm: 314 Plymouth Street: NOI – Hearing Continued – DEP# 171-0563:**
  - Mixed Use Development. Proposal to construct a Starbucks and Auto Zone.
    - Aubrey Armstrong, spokesperson for 314 Plymouth Street updated the Board on the Stormwater Management Report from Pat Brenna, PGB Engineering. Board discussed amount of permeable hard packed dirt, removal of the Urgent Care leaving two (2) buildings instead of three (3). Added were catch basins for the roof drains, vortex separator for the suspended solids, detention basin configuration and decreased run-off.

A motion was made to continue to approve the Stormwater Management Plan for 314 Plymouth Street.

**Motion:** Melanie Martin-Plant

**Second:** Steve Goodman

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



- **7:15pm: 57 Lake Street – RDA – Continued Hearing:** Addition to existing Deck. Owner Michael Maurice and Contractor Daniel Edwards, Handyman Connections were present.
  - At their 10/03/23 the Board requested more detail information on the plan.
    - The Board discussed the difference between a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) and a Notice of Intent (NOI). Administrative Assistant will check with DEP as to what the property process for each are.
    - The Board, Mr. Maurice and Handyman Connection discussed the materials, size, specifics of the deck and erosion control measures.

A motion was made to approve the Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) with the condition that if a Notice of Intent (NOI) is required by DEP, the applicant will be required to follow and submit that process as required.

**Motion:** Melanie Martin-Plant

**Second:** Steve Goodman

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

### **Discussions and Actions to be Taken:**

- **Conservation Commission Policies:** Discussion to consider policies for the following: Chair Evans requested discussion on the following:
  - Whenever wetlands are disturbed, it is required to be replaced by a 2-1 replication.
  - Whenever new construction is within the 100' buffer zone, a post and rail fence is required to be placed at the 50' "no touch" buffer zone.
    - Continue to next meeting when Chair Evans is available.
- **250 Ligan Street:** Morse Brothers Bog 10/04/2023 Site-Visit:
  - DEP received a complaint from an abutter of 250 Ligan Street/Morse Brothers Bog alleging that dirt/manure is being dumped/stored on the drinking water wells at the property and alleges that it is affecting their water.
  - Branden Costa, DEP, Conservation Chair Evans, Health Agent Valery and Brendan Moquin, Controller for Morse Brothers conducted a site visit on 10/04/2023.
    - The Board discussed a complaint at the property that was submitted to DEP. Conservation Chair Evans, Health Agent Valery and Brendan Moquin, Controller for Morse Brothers conducted a site visit on 10/04/2023. Chair Evans is waiting for DEP's report on any violations DEP witnessed and their recommendations as to how to move forward if any violations were witnessed.
    - Member Goodman stated his personal view and not a representative of the Conservation Commission Board on the wells and alleged storage of dirt/manure, previous complaints and site-visit in June 2023 and Morse Brothers Earth Removal Permit submitted.

### **Other Business: \*\*Any other unscheduled business following posting of this Agenda.**

- Tom Alger, 340 Plymouth Street updated the Board that they are progressing with an easement with the Peck's, regarding putting in the Storage facilities. Both the Peck's and the Alger's engineers have looked at the piping that will cause abandoned ditches.
  - The Board and Mr. Alger discussed the pipes, abandoned ditches, flooding, any wetlands, flow of water, engineer's report that water will not collect there any



longer. The Board requested a letter from the engineer stating that any drainage issues will be alleviated.

- 129 Oak Street: Complaint Update: Water run-off.
  - Admin informed the Board that she is still coordinating a site-visit.
- 111 Lake Street: Complaint Update: Homeowners within 50' of buffer zone, pushing piles and clearing into the stream.
  - Administrative Assistant sent certified mail on 10/10/23.
    - Admin informed the Board that she was informed there may be a second address at that property, and she is looking into that.
- 383 Monponsett Street: Driveway Installation Complaint.
  - Administrative Assistant sent certified mail on 10/10/23.

#### **Bills to be Approved and Signed:**

- WB Mason: Invoice# 241570040 – Tote - \$16.24  
A motion was made to approve and pay the bill for WB Mason, Invoice# 241570040.  
**Motion:** Steve Goodman  
**Second:** Melanie Martin-Plant  
**ALL in Favor:** (3-0)

#### **Signatures:**

- 659 Monponsett Street: 4x6 road cut to do gas maintenance.
  - Vote to Affirm Chair Evans Signature.A motion was made to affirm Chair Evans Signature for a 4x6 road cut to do gas maintenance at 659 Monponsett Street.  
**Motion:** Steve Goodman  
**Second:** Melanie Martin-Plant  
**ALL in Favor:** (3-0)

#### **Admin. Report:**

- Administrative Assistant met with Town Administrator & Police Chief/Harbormaster regarding small docks & pier.
- Administrative Assistant met with Town Administrator, Board of Health & Fire Chief regarding problem properties.

#### **Meeting Minutes to be Approved and Signed:**

- September 27, 2022, Meeting Minutes  
A motion was made to accept the September 27, 2022, Meeting Minutes.  
**Motion:** Steve Goodman  
**Second:** Melanie Martin-Plant  
**ALL in Favor:** (3-0)

- September 15, 2023, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve and sign the September 15, 2023, Meeting Minutes.

**Motion:** Steve Goodman

**Second:** Melanie Martin-Plant

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

- September 19, 2023, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve and sign the September 19, 2023, Meeting Minutes.

**Motion:** Steve Goodman

**Second:** Melanie Martin-Plant

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

- October 03, 2023, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve and sign the October 03, 2023, Meeting Minutes.

**Motion:** Steve Goodman

**Second:** Melanie Martin-Plant

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

**Next Meeting:** November 07, 2023

**Motion was made to Adjourn at 7:36 pm:**

**Motion:** Steve Goodman

**Second:** Melanie Martin-Plant

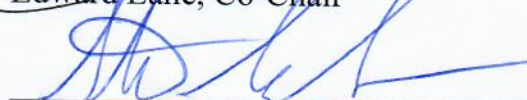
**ALL in Favor:** (3-0)

Respectfully revised, typed and submitted by:  
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Conservation Commission

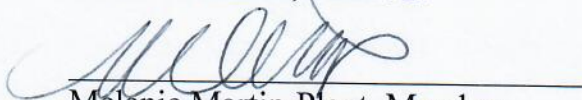
Approved Date: December 21, 2023



Edward Lane, Co-Chair



Steve Goodman, Member



Melanie Martin-Plant, Member