

Minutes of the Meeting for the Halifax Conservation Commission January 23, 2024

Present at the Meeting: Chair Kathy Evans, Vice Chair Ed Lane, Secretary Kimberley King, and Member Melanie Martin-Plant.

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

Chair Evans announced that the meeting was being recorded by Area58.

7:00pm: 40 Old Summit St. – NOI Continuation – Construction of a single-family dwelling.

- Hearing was opened by Chair Evans at 7:00. Pat Carrara from PMP Consulting returned to discuss modifications made to address previous concerns expressed by the board. One concern previously expressed was the runoff from the roof of the building. Outside the 100' buffer they have designed a roof drain filtration system and a rain guard. The rain guard will take all the runoff from the driveway and the garage roof. Member Martin-Plant asked if there was any vegetation being removed. Mr. Carrara stated that a few pines would come down along with the excessive growth. They will be adding plantings of 17 bayberry bushes along the 50' buffer. Mr. Carrara suggested if the board would like anything replaced, they could put some trees out back in the area where the chicken coop will be removed. Member Martin-Plant would like trees replaced at a 1:1 ratio. Chair Evans feels like the bayberry bushes being added are sufficient for her. Chair Evans asked that "no-touch" posts being installed on the 50' buffer zone approximately every 25'-30'.

Motion was made to approve the NOI for 40 Old Summit St.

Motion: Ed Lane

Second: Melanie Martin-Plant

3 Yes, 1 No – Motion Passes.

For Discussion:

- In a quick discussion regarding policies as a follow up to the NOI hearing previously, Member Martin-Plant stated that she felt it was reasonable to ask for offsets when there is a paved driveway within the 100' buffer zone. The board needs to be specific on policies, such as replication ratios and what is considered a tree. Both Member Martin-Plant and Secretary King feel that it is important to be consistent and put policies in place sooner rather than later. Vice Chair Lane feels that a blanket policy for tree removal and replication is difficult to do as each property and situation is different. This discussion will be put on the agenda for the 2/13/2024 meeting.
- Letter from Alan Dias- Allegations against Member Goodman of alleged misrepresentation, abuse of office and violation of the oath of office. Chair Evans stated that as of today, Member Goodman has resigned.
- 304 Wood St./ Culvert River Rd. – Complaint regarding the flooding from the culvert. The Highway Superintendent is going to follow up on this and monitor the flow. When the water level

comes down he will check it to be sure there is no debris causing a disruption. Secretary King is concerned that the new homes being built in the area are adding to the disruption and would like to have the stream and the meadow checked for flooding. The board will ask the Agent to perform a site visit.

- Annual Report – Update. The board reviewed the letter written and submitted by the Agent.
- Secretary King requested that the Alewife Restoration Committee be put on the agenda for the meeting on 2/27/24.

Bills:

- Revolving Account: 25-173 for Plymouth County Registry of Deeds
 - COC Recording – Monponsett Pond (Western Basin) (DEP# SE-175-0733)
 - COC Recording – Monponsett Pond (Western Basin) (DEP# SE-175-0580)
 - Corrected Extension Permit for Order of Conditions Recording – 596 Monponsett St. (DEP# SE-171-0531)

A motion was made to affirm the above-listed bills to the Registry of Deeds.

Motion: Ed Lane

Second: Melanie Martin – Plant

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Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- December 5, 2023 – Executive Session

A motion was made to continue the approval to the next meeting to allow for time to review the minutes.

Motion: Kimberley King

Second: Ed Lane

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Permits:

- N/A

Mail received:

- None received.

Open Comments:

- None received.

7:48 p.m. – Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Ed Lane

Second: Melanie Martin - Plant

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Respectfully typed and submitted by:
Kendra Kelly for the
Conservation Commission

Approved Date: _____

Kathy Evans



Edward Lane

Kimberley King-Cavicchi



Melanie Martin-Plant

Next Meeting: February 13, 2024