

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HALIFAX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

June 8, 2021

A meeting of the Halifax Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, in the Board of Selectman's meeting room, first floor, Town Hall. Kathy Evans opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Kathy Evans, Gerry Fitzgerald, Ed Lane, Chris Hadorn, Colleen Fiumara
Associate member: Kim Cavicchi

Appointments/Hearings:

7:00 p.m. – Notice of Intent – 416 Plymouth St. – septic upgrade

Present: Joseph Webby/Webby Engineering for applicant

State requested a Storm Water Checklist, presented to the commission, also have revised plans for the BOH. Property at old Kings Plaza. Septic system has failed, system is over / up to 10 Putter's Way. Designed new septic and was approved. Owner (10 Putter's Way) asked for them to look into a different area to get away from his property. Septic installed in 80's. Found new area to put in septic, new perc tests and new design in a different area, will be mounded up. BVW in the area, and isolated and vegetated wetlands just to the side of Rodney's Kitchen. Submitted report with NOI from Michelle Grenier, the area is not large enough to be classified under the act or protected under State. More important the area has phragmites which is an invasive species. Recommended to be taken out with Commission approval and build detention pond or drainage basin behind it to accept water displacement. State commented on the Storm water report, on agenda with BOH and will address their comments at next meeting.

Mr. Lane asked why they want to get rid of the vegetation. Mr. Webby stated it is the phragmites, clean up the area from Rodney's to carwash. Create a basin for the Storm Water mgmt. quality. Ms. Evans asked: all that area is between the 50' and 100' (buffer). Mr. Webby replied and went over the plan, with the 50', all septic and basin is beyond the 50'. Mr. Lane asked again where the old septic was. Mr. Webby showed on the plans where it is, and that the septic was built in the 80" s. No further discussion.

Motion to approve the septic upgrade, notice of intent, with condition, subject to the Board of Health final approval.

Motion: Gerry Fitzgerald

Second: Ed Lane

All in favor

(Colleen Fiumara arrives)

Discussion:

Nicolas McGovern – Civics project; AP US History – Would like to major in Marine Biology, want to do something environmental. Know ponds have been polluted for long time. Have questions on ponds and what is being done. Having treatments, sulfate and received grant to continue. Are there any other long-term plans? Members advised that they are doing a sonar/sulfate, and maybe the people should stop fertilizing the grass, make people aware. Some fertilizer at town barn that doesn't affect it. Second question: On website for Conservation Commission, board of "Everything Monponsett" is not well organized, (printed out) lists do not have dates, and some do. When looking at it, it's hard to get actual

information. Who runs the website? IT – Cesar Calouro. Members said if he has any ideas to improve it, it would be welcomed. Mr. McGovern continued to advise of the lack of organization of the website. Mr. McGovern then asked if there are any programs to stop the trash and littering around the lake? Person in audience advised of Monponsett Watershed and Beautification Committee and what they do.

Commission thanked Nick for bringing the issues and concerns to their attention.

Secretarial:

Motion to pay bill for Ply/Hal Express for \$42.00 Ad for NOI 416 Plymouth St.

Motion: Ed Lane

Second: Gerry Fitzgerald

All in favor

Discussions/Correspondence:

Eversource notification of maintenance along the utility lines, no action needs to be taken, (Notice of Intent filing)

Motion for Eversource to continue with the exempt work.

Motion: Gerry Fitzgerald

Second: Chris Hadorn

All in favor

Discussion: 0 Monponsett St.

Mr. Fitzgerald asked about the agenda. Secretary put on agenda in the event members wanted to go over it or discuss. Members were updated on coordinating a date and time. Suggestions sent to Andrew Poyant and NHESP representative, by Kathy Evans for Friday, email received about 1 hr. ago (will send to members) and all are waiting to hear back from property owner, Amanda Monti.

Discussion: 688 Plymouth St.

Follow up of complaint for 688 Plymouth St. Ms. Evans asked to put off until next meeting as she will be viewing the site on Friday.

Correspondence:

Planning Board: Site Plan received for 63 Carver St. and 314 Plymouth St. Looking for any comments or concerns of Commission.

Review of 314 Plymouth St. any delineation should be on the plans. Members reviewed the plans. Structure looks to be outside the 100' buffer. Drainage basin is in the 50' buffer, applicant will need to file with the commission. Also have to give storm water management report and MS4 permitting.

63 Carver St. not available at this time – will put on next agenda for review.

107 River St. Certificate of Compliance request: This is the one in the fields. No members have looked at it. Ms. Evans said she is available on Friday. Mr. Fitzgerald may also be available. They will set a time.

Discussion: Final review of MS4 Storm Water Mgmt. regulations

Will go into effect or needs to be by June 30th. State requirements and was voted at town meeting 2019 and approved. VHB was very thorough, took all notes from previous meeting. Any questions or further concerns of the members. No other questions or concerns. **Public Hearing for regulations will be held on June 22, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. to adopt into Town bylaws/regulations.

Chairperson Evans asked if there was anything else for this meeting. No further discussions.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion: Gerry Fitzgerald

Second: Chris Hadorn

All in favor.

Documents: *Agenda, general notes, talent bank forms, miscellaneous emails.

0 Monponsett St: copies of emails received- memo from BI.

Board of Selectman: appointment of C. Fiumara, re-organization

Accountant: memo

Please note some documents above have been filed in the office of the Conservation Commission in the respective file folders.

Respectfully submitted

Approved date:

Digitally recorded by
Terri Renaud for
Conservation Commission

7/13/2021
Katy Evans
C. Fiumara
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