

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING HALIFAX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**May 26, 2020**

A meeting of the Halifax Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 in the Great Hall Second Floor, Chairperson Gerry Fitzgerald opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**In Attendance: Chairperson, Gerry Fitzgerald; Chris Hadorn, Kathy Evans, & Associate Colleen Fuimara** **Absent: Ed Lane and John Peck**

## Appointments/Hearings:

### 7:00 p.m. RDA – 4/6 Tenth Ave.

Present: Joseph Webby, Webby Engineering

Mr. Webby presented the septic plan and explained what they will be doing. New septic and leaching field, with pump chamber, within BVW (West Monponsett Pond). Mr. Fitzgerald asked if the Board of Health has approved the septic plan. Mr. Webby explained it has not, as they (BOH) have not had a meeting to approve the plans to date.

Motion to approve the RDA with a Negative 3 for Webby Engineering of 4 & 6 Tenth Ave. for the septic upgrade subject to BOH approval.

Motion: Chris Hadorn

Second: Kathy Evans

All in favor

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### 7:10 p.m. – RDA - 14 Old Farm Rd

Present: James Hevey

Mr. Hevey had submitted an RDA as requested by the Commission to have on file. Drawing of what he is proposing was presented to members. Removing some up rooted trees and brush. Planting of fruit trees and blueberry bushes. Rebuild stone wall. Again he stated needed to get airflow into the area.

Motion to approve RDA for James Heavy of 14 Old Farm with a Negative Determination to clean up the down trees and brush, and rebuilding of stone wall.

Motion: Chris Hadorn

Seconded: Kathy Evans

All in favor

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## Bills Payable

Motion to pay the bill: Ply/Hal Express for Ads: Tenth Ave, Old Farm Rd., South St., and Lake St.,

Motion: Chris Hadorn

Seconded: Kathy Evans

All in favor

Secretary brought members up to date regarding 241 Franklin St., Solar Project. Receipt of phone call and email regarding the grass seed mix. Also received an Engineering report on the bridge and the Building Inspector will be watching construction. and email.

S. Campbell of 35 Thompson St. NOI, DEP advised they forgot to do something required by them. The information was received and sent to DEP by applicant.

Notices of public hearings, reviewed. Notices of Road openings.  
68 Walnut St. wants to repair was out from a water pipe leak.

**7:20 p.m. RDA – 80 South St. NOI**

Abutter Ed McSweeney in attendance.

Repair of septic system, plans reviewed by members, Collins Engineering. McSweeney wanted to see the plans. Everything is outside the 50' buffer, septic is moved over slightly to the right side. Member briefly discussed the topography and measurements to the wetlands.

Motion to approve NOI with Standard Order of Conditions for 80 South St., for the septic. Subject to the BOH approval.

Motion: Chris Hadorn

Second: Kathy Evans

All in favor

**Collins Engineering representative walked in just at the end.**

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**7:30 p.m. – RDA - 29 Lake St.,**

Owners had previously sent an email regarding trees in danger of falling and wanting to clear up brush near the lake. Members had verbally approved, but wanted to have it on file for ConCom records.

Mr. Fitzgerald went over the request.

Motion to approve with a Negative 3 for 29 Lake St., for tree and brush removal and clean up.

Motion: Chris Hadorn

Second: Kathy Evans

All in Favor

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**Discussion:**

68 Walnut St.: request to repair wash out of water pipe leak. Not digging anything out, want to fill in and level it out. Call when completed for inspection. All member ok with request.

**7:35 p.m. – 106 Paradise Lane**

Family present: Mr. & Mrs. Benvissuto, son (and daughter?)

Mr. Fitzgerald advised that someone called and advised they were cutting trees down in the wetlands.

Chairman and vice chair went out to view it. Plot plan was presented by Mr. Benvissuto explained (showed) where his son was cutting trees. Does not appear to be near any wetlands. (members went to the bog on the right, not left at the end of Paradise Lane) Mr. Fitzgerald asked if their property abuts the complainers property. Mr. Benvissuto said, if its (pointing) them or them, then no. Mr. Fitzgerald suggested they up some signs up on their property, "No Trespassing". There is an old Fire Access Road, that goes around the property to Monponsett St. Mr. Fitzgerald apologize they had to come in, as the complaint was not valid, they are on their own property and not cutting in wetlands.

Update:

Owners of 29 Lake St. arrived, Members advised the RDA had just been approved, they can go ahead with cleaning up the property. Mr. & Mrs. Sellers Thanked the members.

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Members ok with Gerry Fitzgerald to sign Vendor Warrants. Form signed.

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Motion: Chris Hadorn**

**Seconded: Kathy Evans**

**All in Favor**

Documents/Mail

Agenda: General Notes of meeting; mail; email and documents to include:

GS Energy Report – bridge & seed mix (241 Franklin St.)

Notice of road openings from BOS; ZBA PH Notices & Decision letters;

Letter to Benvissuto; email - E. Tripp; email - Kowalski

Respectfully submitted,

Date Approved: 7-28-2020

Signatures:

