

**MINUTES OF THE  
HALIFAX CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
April 9, 2019**

A meeting of the Halifax Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 in the Conservation Commission office. Chairperson Gerry Fitzgerald opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

**In Attendance: Ed Lane, Member; Gerry Fitzgerald, Chairperson; Kathy Evans, Vice Chairperson; Chris Hadorn, Member**  
**Absent: John Peck, Member**

**Open 7:00p.m. – 330 Plymouth St., NOI**

Present: Casey Burch, Civil Engineer from Soli Engineering

Casey Burch advised the Commission that the modifications recommended by the Planning and Zoning Boards at the last hearing remain the same. He provided an updated drawing of all the modifications. There was a 24” RCP pipe that was installed on the Mutual Bank’s property. They believe that the pipe stops on the bank’s property but they are not sure. They are going to have the highway department go out to investigate it. If the pipe does continue and the highway department does see a connection to the pipe on the Alger’s property, Soli Engineering will install an overflow structure in their basin that connects directly to that pipe. In very high storm events, where water will go over the spillway, it will go directly into the pipe. Gerry asked if the pipe goes into the street. Casey stated no and showed that the pipe is in a ditch that comes out in the field in back of the property, towards the golf course. Gerry asked what the highway department said about the pipe that the town blocked up years ago. Casey said the highway department wants to keep the pipe blocked. Casey also stated that the new pipe they are installing is raised so that water will be forced to go in the direction away from the Alger’s property. Mr. Alger stated that an easement from John Peck will be required to put the pipe on his property. Mrs. Alger stated that John Peck, the bank, O’Reilly’s and the town should all pitch in to pay to have the pipe extend to the golf course. She stated that everyone keeps telling her they don’t have the money for that, but her property keeps getting flooded. Gerry suggested cutting the pipe and let the water flow into the street. Mr. Burch stated, that could make the Alger’s problem worse because the bank is the low spot and the water would flow into the bank’s property and then onto the Alger’s. He stated the whole roadway should be analyzed and reworked. Mr. Alger would be happy if the pipe allows the water to flow under his property to the golf course instead of onto his property. Mr. Alger questioned the wetland delineation. Gerry and Mr. Burch both stated that the water flow situation created the wetlands. It is not technically wetlands.

Gerry instructed the secretary to start fining the Mutual bank \$300.00 per day because they are in violation of the Order of Conditions that requires them to provide Stormwater Maintenance records.

Gerry entertained a motion to approve the NOI as drawn and discussed

**Motion: Chris Hadorn**

**Second: Ed Lane**

**AIF**

Gerry entertained a motion to approve a COC for 159 River St.

**Motion: Chris Hadorn**

**Second: Ed Lane**

**AIF**

**Secretarial:**

Gerry entertained a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from 03/12/19 and 03/26/19

**Motion: Chris Hadorn**

**Second: Ed Lane**

**AIF**

Mail was reviewed:

Carrot-Top Catalog

Email from Carol Klukas

FEMA map revision for 129 Franklin St.

Columbia Gas email

Email from Sandy Nolan

Building permits were signed

Form A from planning Board was reviewed: File #19-A-05

Road cuts were reviewed: 161 River St. and 13 Holmes St.

Ed Lane stated he went out to view a stream crossing at 273-278 River St. that an anonymous caller reported to have been “cut” and “trimmed”. After his inspection and research, he found out that the area around the stream was trimmed by Plymouth County Mosquito Control and they have the authority to do that.

Gerry entertained a motion to adjourn at 7:40p.m.

**Motion: Chris Hadorn**

**Second: Ed Lane**

**AIF**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Clark

Secretary

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_

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