

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HALIFAX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

September 22, 2020



A meeting of the Halifax Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 in the Selectman's Meeting Room, First Floor, Chairperson Kathy Evans opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Chairperson, Kathy Evans, Chris Hadorn, Gerry Fitzgerald, Ed Lane
Absent: John Peck and Assoc. Colleen Fiumara

Appointments/Hearings:

7:00 p.m. RDA: 1 First Ave

Present: Elaine Seher - owner

Plot plan presented, would like to take down dead trees, dangerous to house. Within 50' buffer, will leave stumps. Have hired a tree company.

Motion to approve the RDA for 1 First Ave. with a Negative 3 with leaving all stumps.

Motion: Ed Lane

Second: Gerry Fitzgerald All in favor

Secretarial:

Motion to pay bill Ad#11887 (Plymouth St) and Ad#11896 (First Ave) For \$84.00

Motion: Ed Lane

Second: Gerry Fitzgerald All in favor

Motion to accept Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2020

Motion: Ed Lane

Second: Chris Hadorn All in favor

7:10 p.m. RDA – 416 Plymouth St.

Present: Joe Webby/Webby Engineering representing owner

Halifax Plaza and Rockland Trust development. Received permission to put in siltation basins to take care of surface water run-off. Almost nothing done in 22 years, water is backing up to the edge of tree line and eroding pavement. Want to get to basins and clean it up, (vegetation). Did mark the BVW, limit of work will not go beyond basins.

Motion to approve the RDA for 416 Plymouth St. for vegetation clean up with a Negative 3

Motion: Gerry Fitzgerald

Second: Ed Lane All in favor

Ratify Enforcement Order for 21 Jordan Road and discussion

Septic Plan from Board of Health pulled showing actual property.

Owner arrived: Marline Amedee –

Chairperson Evans asked owner about going in the BVW on property and bordering property that the town owns. Questioning if she has disturbed any wetlands

Ms. Amedee: advised that a neighbor told her about that. She said she did not go to (inaudible), and she was cleaning, and appealed to her (Ms. Renaud) that there is a lot of trash, beer cans, plastic bags on wetlands, and wanted to clean it and is on her own property. She told (Ms. Renaud) that (clear) that she wasn't cutting anything, just cleaning.

Chairperson Evans asked who she spoke to. (answer is inaudible)

G. Fitzgerald interjected asking how it all came forth: stating that someone report that she was clearing town owned land. Ms. Amedee said "Yes". Mr. Fitzgerald then stated picking up trash if fine. Ms. Amedee said there is still a lot of trash, stating it was almost a dump. They started to clean, did start to cut, but she was told (cutting branches) that she can't cut them. (noting neighbor told her in September of last year) Then neighbor called town hall. Again, stating last September was assisted with property lines, No one told her, so now knows and won't do it again. June of this year cleaning dead brush and trash, but left some due to conflict with neighbors, left the rest. Then received the notice.

Mr. Fitzgerald asked about the plan (Board of Health plan) and nothing is delineated. There is a 100' & 50' BVW noted on the plan.(basically right thru the middle and at back edge of Ms. Amedee's property) Members and Ms. Amedee reviewed plan. Former owner Conroy's property is to the rear which backs up to Birch St. Ms. Amedee stated she has some property that also backs up to Birch St. There was also some screening put up in the rear of property.

Ms. Amedee noted that there were two (2) big branches that feel in the back and had to cut them, also another one to the side. Mr. Fitzgerald advised of the 50' no touch is at the back of property. Maybe get property markers of the boundaries. Also, can't cut or clear debris if it's on neighbors' property. Fitzgerald showed her the plan explaining the 50' and buffer zone and can't go in , cut , clear, etc. Ms. Amedee believes she owns another lot in the back, connecting to Birch. Would need to get a plot plan showing all her parcels. Members again explained that even if its her property, if a tree falls inside the wetlands or 50' buffer she still can't do anything to it unless she files with the commission.

Secretary asked to get the commission a plan of all her properties and come back to the commission and can advise what and where she can do anything, but still need to apply (file) come before the commission if she wants to clear, remove brush, trees etc., within the 50' buffer.

Ms. Amedee said it is good to know and thanked the commission.

Motion to ratify the Enforcement order 21 Jordan Rd.

Motion: Gerry Fitzgerald

Second: Ed Lane

All in favor

Correspondence: Secretary advise of road openings; DEP and MassDOT advisement of the Railway vegetation maintenance.

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Gerry Fitzgerald

Second: Ed Lane

All in favor

Documents/Mail

Agenda, general notes of meeting; mail; email and documents to include:

Email : C. Seelig; Email – Stearns Beals & Thomas – 0 River St.; MassDOT; Road opening.

MACC, violation letter – 21 Jordan Rd.; Planning Board – Form A; Abutters list request; talent form, Ply. County Mosquito control; ZBA PH notice; Mass wildlife; PB decision #923

Respectfully submitted,

Date Approved: 10/13/2020

Signatures:

ES: Gravel
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