

**Hamilton Conservation Commission  
Minutes of Meeting of January 27, 2016  
Meeting held at Hamilton Town Hall**

Commissioners present:

Richard Luongo, Chair, Virginia Cookson, Chris Currier, Bob Cronin, George Tarr

Staff present:

Jim Hankin, Conservation Agent

Others present:

Gerry McDonald  
Rosemary Kennedy  
Tom Myers

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Richard Luongo opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and mentioned that the meeting was being recorded.

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**Request for Determination of Applicability**

32 Old Cart Road

Replace septic tank in jurisdiction

Ann McDermott-Vanni property owner

Gerry McDonald system designer

Gerry McDonald, H.L. Graham, representing the applicant describes manmade drainage in the low wet area in the back of the property. He notes that the lot is mostly dry but there are standing pockets of water after a storm event. There are septic systems in the front and back of the four bedroom house. Rerouting will occur from the failed system to the system that passed Title 5 inspection with a portion in the 50' No Build Zone. Erosion controls are proposed. Variances are occurring to Title 5 with the Health Agent relative to local upgrade approval (i.e., less than 20' from house and 10' from lot line, no work done to the driveway by water service). Construction access for mini-excavator will be from the driveway. The failed system tank will be filled with crushed stone and new piping run through it.

Bob Cronin moved to issue a Negative Determination to allow the project to go forward without any additional filing of a Notice of Intent. George Tarr seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

## **Discussion items**

### **Appoint Rosemary Kennedy to Open Space Committee**

Discussion ensued with Rosemary Kennedy about her interest in serving on the Open Space Committee. She has been attending the Committee meetings since OSC resumed activity.

Virginia Cookson moved to appoint Rosemary Kennedy to the Open Space Committee. Mr. Tarr seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **MACC Registrations Selections**

#### **MACC Annual Conference on Saturday March 5, 2016 Holy Cross College Worcester, MA**

Commissioners will get completed forms to Mr. Hankin for the conference.

### **Discussion ensued with Tom Myers about his interest in serving on the Commission**

Mr. Myers has a science and environmental law background and works in administrative law. He has been a Hamilton resident for four and a half years. He will be notified of an upcoming site walk date.

### **Commissioners to list topics for discussion at HCC meeting of February 10, 2016 meeting**

Future topics the Commission will address will include the Canterbrook housing project, proposed turf field at the HWRHS campus, Cutler-Rich development, and solar array at landfill site.

### **Vote Minutes for December 16, 2015 and January 13, 2016**

Ms. Cookson moved to accept the minutes for December 16, 2015 as written. Chris Currier seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Ms. Cookson moved to accept the minutes for January 13, 2015 as written. Mr. Currier seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The Commission's next meeting is on February 10, 2016 with possible site walk on February 6, 2016.

Mr. Cronin moved to adjourn. Ms. Cookson seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Commission adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted February 8, 2016 by Jane Dooley