

**Hamilton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting of September 10, 2014
Meeting held at Hamilton Town Hall**

Commissioners present:

Richard Luongo, Chair, Virginia Cookson, Stacey Carpenter arrived at 7:10 p.m., Keith Glidden, George Tarr.

Staff present:

Jim Hankin, Conservation Agent

Others present: Bill Redford, Hamilton DPW Director

Richard Luongo opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Jim Hankin noted that site walk is scheduled for October 4 but there is nothing planned yet.

Enforcement Order

35 Miles River Road

Francis DiRico

Failure to comply with previous violation notices; alteration of pond and adjacent area without review and approval by HCC

Jim Hankin reported that he and George Tarr had visited the site on Saturday Sept. 6 and saw cedar posts installed at the 25' NDZ line. The "no mow" zone has not undisturbed since HCC saw it last. Mr. Hankin requested via email to Consultant Gordie Rogerson information about wetland decals to be affixed to the top of the posts with tacks or nails and he was assured they were on order. Also requested was that a hard copy of the full size site for the Commission office. Mr. Hankin currently has a PDF copy of the plan. He visited the site today to identify if the wetland decals had been affixed and they have not. The Commission will continue this matter until its next meeting, on September 24.

Request for Determination

5 Howard Street

Excavate 2 test pits for structural analysis, 30' approx. EOW

Betsy Melodia Applicant, Bill Manuell rep.

Bill Manuell described how the new homeowner had discovered during a home inspection that the rear porch is settling. The homeowner has engaged a structural engineer who would like to dig two test pits on the outside corners, one in lawn and the other in an old brick patio. The closest pit would be 30' from the wetlands.

Mr. Manuell has flagged the wetlands on the site and measured the wetlands in relationship to the house. A mini-excavator will be used in the wide open area of the site to excavate down four feet until the footings are seen and to assess soil conditions that can be notated by the structural engineer. The pits will be filled in as described in the RDA. Once it is known

what is causing the settlement another filing may be required. Mr. Hankin noted that he reviewed the site with the homeowner and test pits will not be done in the resource area.

Keith Glidden moved to issue a Negative Determination. Virginia Cookson seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Notice of Intent

523 Chebacco Road, Manchester DPW Pump House

Applicant: Town of Manchester DPW, rep. Alan Hanscomb BETA Group

Demolish pump house and associated site work

The applicant intends to demolish a former pump station by Gravelly Pond, once used by the Town of Manchester by the Sea Water Department. After the structure is demolished the Town of Manchester DPW wants to backfill the basement and cut and cap the existing intake valve from the Pond. Any removed metal will be recycled by the contractor. The brick and concrete removed will be loaded on trucks and sent to a landfill. The slope (which has brick "riprap") will not be disturbed and erosion control will be installed as shown on the foiled plan. Mr. Hankin noted that he needs to see the erosion control before the project work starts. If debris lands beyond the erosion control Mr. Hankin needs to be notified and observe the situation if any equipment has to be used in the resource area to remove debris.

In response to a question, Mr. Bill Redford, Hamilton DPW Director who attended the meeting, assured Mr. Tarr that the entire work area is owned by the Town of Manchester. The structure to be demolished was built in the early 1950s and has been vacant since 1995. All asbestos and diesel have been taken out of the building.

Mr. Glidden moved to close the hearing. Ms. Cookson seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Mr. Hankin noted that DEP has issued a file number with no comments.

Mr. Glidden moved to issue an Order of Conditions. Ms. Cookson seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Acceptance of minutes of August 13, 2014

Mr. Hankin will amend the minutes per the Commission's comments and bring them back for acceptance at the next Commission meeting.

Coordinator's Report

Mr. Hankin noted that the Commission has been invited to the All Boards meeting tomorrow night. He prepared a memorandum on the riverfront area at the Patton Estate with general guidelines and he will not be attending the meeting. Discussion ensued about Commission members who may attend the meeting speaking as individuals rather than as Commissioners. Mr. Hankin informed the Commission about the health of Commissioner Peter Dana that will impact his ability to attend meetings. The Open Space Committee, that is a subcommittee appointed by the Commission, has rarely met since inception. There is interest (i.e., Selectman Jennifer Scuteri) in revitalizing this Committee and there are expired terms for

some of the six members. The municipality needs an Open Space Plan to qualify for some grants. The Town has an Open Space Plan from 2008.

The Commission's next meeting is on September 24, 2014. Mr. Glidden moved to adjourn. Ms. Cookson seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Commission adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Minutes submitted September 15, 2014 by Jane Dooley