

**Hamilton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting of December 11, 2013
Meeting held at Hamilton Town Hall**

Commissioners present:

Richard Luongo, Chair, Bob Cronin, Virginia Cookson, George Tarr.

Staff present:

Jim Hankin, Conservation Coordinator

Others present for a portion of the meeting:

Dan Johnson

Richard Luongo opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Request for Determination of Applicability

56 Ortins Road

Dan Johnson representing Cynthia Valotto Applicant

Install Title V compliant septic system, tank and line to leaching field closest point 60'

Dan Johnson summarized that 56 Ortins Road had a failed Title 5 inspection and wetlands are located in the back of the lot so the septic system and leaching field are in the front of the property. The leaching area can be replaced in the front further than 100 feet from wetland line. The gravity-feed septic tank will be located 63 feet from the wetland to accommodate access to an electrical box in the basement of the house. Mr. Hankin reported on his site visit noting that the lot is generally flat until it slopes about five feet from the wetland.

Discussion ensued about how the new system would be slightly mounded, and feathered to the road. Discussion was about how the work on the new system would occur after the winter season since the Health Agent is not issuing any new permits at this time and there is currently only one occupant at the residence.

Virginia Cookson moved to issue a Negative Determination under the by-law. George Tarr seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Violation Notice

84 Old Cart Rd

Shed in wetlands, no HCC or Building Department permit

Jeremy and Hannah Fraley land-owners

The Board of Health is still dealing with this matter so at Mr. Hankin's recommendation, the Commission postponed discussion until its second meeting in January.

Certificate of Compliance

537 Highland Street

Pingree School; installation of irrigation system

DEP file #172-0565, recorded Book 32643 Page 296; on 7/11/13

Mr. Hankin inspected site last week and showed the Commission photos he took of installed electric panel and the work area adjacent to it. He noted that approved trench had been installed, covered and seeded as per the permit.

Cookson moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance for work done at 537 Highland Street for an irrigation system. Bob Cronin seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Discussion Items

To approve and/or amend the HCC 2014 Meeting/Site Walk calendar

Two schedule options for dates were provided by Hankin to the Commission with the first proposing meetings on second and fourth Wednesday in the Memorial Room at Town Hall, unless there is a holiday date conflict, with site walks on Saturdays before the first meeting of the month. The second draft proposes the meetings second or fourth Wednesdays of month. It was noted that the Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the Memorial Room. The Commission opted for the first draft schedule.

The Commission will vote minutes of November 6, 2013, November 20, 2013 and December 11, 2013 at its January meeting.

Commissioners to list topics for discussion at next HCC meeting

Peter Dana would like to discuss some ideas concerning the Miles River. Discussion ensued about impact of beavers in the river. Also addressed was Annual Town Meeting housekeeping article that moves interest from Clark Fund into Conservation Fund.

Cronin moved to adjourn. Cookson seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Commission adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Minutes submitted January 10, 2014 by Jane Dooley