

HAMILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING May 12, 2021 at 7 p.m. Virtual Zoom Meeting ID: 886 8749 4798 Passcode 751813

Members Present: Richard Luongo (Chair), Virginia Cookson, George Tarr, and Lauren Lynch

Others Present: Attorney Jill Mann, Devon Morse, Wetland Scientist for Hancock

Associates, Rosemary Kennedy, Selectperson

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m.

Public Hearings

Continued – Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) DEP File# 172-0623 – 133 Essex Street – Chebacco Hill Capital Partners, LLC – Confirmation of resource area boundaries at 133 Essex Street

Jill Mann, legal counsel for Chebacco Capital Partners reported that they would like to continue the ANRAD hearing until the next Conservation Commission meeting because they needed to resubmit the plan to Mr. DeRosa.

Motion made by Virginia Cookson to continue the Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation at the next Conservation Commission meeting on May 26, 2021. Seconded by George Tarr.

Roll Call Vote: Virginia Cookson – aye, George Tarr – aye, Lauren Lynch – aye, and Richard Luongo – aye.

Unanimous in favor of voting members.

Discussions

Request for Certificate of Compliance DEP File# 172-162, 153 Essex Street

Devon Morse, Wetland Scientist for Hancock Associates represented client Paul Drinkwater who filed the Request for Certificate of Compliance at 153 Essex Street. Originally it was a Notice of Intent that was filed in 1990 for a single family house with a garage, septic system and wetland replication which was done before the current order of vegetative wetland replication standards were in place. Ms. Morse and Mr. Comins both went out to the site and the vegetative cover was all wetland dominant, hydric soils were present, and inundation was present. The house was in the same footprint as the original plans but there was as discrepancy

with the buffer zone. When the As Built plans were compared to the original plans that accompanied the Order of Conditions, the buffer zones were different possibly due to an approximation of the wetlands or that the wetlands had grown over the last 30 years. After discussion and deliberation by the Commission, it was decided that buffer zone changes had more than likely evolved over the last 30 years and nothing could be done to change it at this point.

Motion made by Virginia Cookson to issue a Certificate of Compliance for the work done on 153 Essex Street under and Notice of Intent for the house, septic system and landscape. Seconded by George Tarr.

Roll Call Vote: Virginia Cookson – aye, George Tarr – aye, Lauren Lynch – aye, and Richard Luongo – aye.

Unanimous in favor of voting members.

• Patton Homestead Open Space

Lauren Lynch told the Commission that she was working to incorporate all of the comments made at previous meetings into the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The MOA would then go to Rosemary Kennedy for review, then onto Town Manager, Joseph Domelowicz and the Board of Selectmen for their approval at Monday evening's meeting.

George Tarr reported that the posts that were added by the Department of Public Works to enforce the 9.1 conservancy line were ignored when the property was recently mowed by Patton Ridge. Mr. Tarr would like to place boulders between the posts from the stone wall in the woods near the pond which would help delineate the boundaries. The Commission agreed to seek approval to add the boulders from the Board of Selectmen at their Monday evening meeting. Mr. Tarr agreed to provide photographs of the area after the boulders are added for review at the Board of Selectmen Monday evening meeting.

Motion made by Virginia Cookson to allow George Tarr to use the boulders to demarcate the boundary line for the 9.1.

Seconded by George Tarr.

Roll Call Vote: Virginia Cookson – aye, George Tarr – aye, Lauren Lynch – aye, and Richard Luongo – aye.

Unanimous in favor of voting members.

As a courtesy, Mr. Tarr agreed to send an email to Patton Ridge to let them know that the posts had made no difference in their mowing and the Commission decided to take additional action to enforce the lines.

Mr. Tarr also reported to the Commission that he noticed what looked like a camera with 3 lenses on a tree at the boat launch and wondered who owned it. The Commission was not aware of it and Ms. Kennedy told the Commission that she would check with the Town Manager tomorrow to see if he was aware of it.

Minutes of 4/28/21 meeting approval

To be reviewed at the next Conservation Commission meeting on May 26, 2021.

Adjournment

Motion made by George Tarr to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.

Seconded by Lauren Lynch.

Roll Call Vote: Virginia Cookson – aye, George Tarr – aye, Lauren Lynch – aye, and Richard

Luongo – aye.

Unanimous in favor of voting members.

The next Conservation Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

Prepared by:

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