

Hamilton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting of February 12, 2014
Meeting held at Hamilton Town Hall

Commissioners present:

Richard Luongo, Chair, Bob Cronin, Virginia Cookson, Keith Glidden, George Tarr,
Peter Dan (Mr. Dana Arrived at 7:35 pm).

Staff present:

Jim Hankin, Conservation Agent

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

Notice of Intent

435 Bay Rd., Myopia Hunt Club

Remove vegetation and tree work and tree work at 17th and 18th hole

David Heroian Applicant, Mary Rimmer rep.

Jonathan Wilber for Myopia Hunt Club present

Prior to the meeting, Commissioners received a narrative document from Mary Rimmer, applicant's representative, which provided supplemental detail to the information contained in the Notice.

Prior to the opening of the public hearing, Mr. Dana recused himself from consideration of this Notice of Intent because he is a member of the Myopia Hunt Club.

Mr. Luongo re-opened the public hearing at 7:32pm.

Mr. Wilber reviewed the project briefly and he noted that members of the Commission had conducted a site visit the previous Saturday, February 8. He requested approval of the project.

Mr. Glidden asked several questions concerning the proposed removal of the three trees in the Hamilton Bylaw's No Disturb Zone and what the applicant offered as an argument to rebut the presumption of adverse impact for work in that zone. Mr. Wilber indicated that the trees could be a safety issue for golfers.

Mr. Tarr asked as a clarification whether the Club seeks approval for the tree removal to facilitate the game of golf or whether the issue was only safety. Mr. Tarr added that safety was not discussed on site as Commissioners viewed the trees. Mr. Wilber replied that safety was a concern.

The Chairman added that he had no issues with the proposed 11,000 square feet work in riverfront area but that the Commission consensus was that the hearing should continue to allow the Applicant to prepare a response to the No Disturb issues. Commissioners commented that they were in agreement with the Chair's statement.

Mr. Hankin informed Mr. Wilber that he could (1) withdraw the tree removal portion of the Notice now and ask for a vote to approve, (2) ask for a continuance to February 26 to allow time to provide more information to the Commission on the No Disturb issue or (3) request to close the hearing now and have the Commission vote on the entire proposal, tree work included. Mr. Wilber consented to a hearing continuance. The matter will placed on the Commission agenda for February 26, continuation of public hearing 7:30 pm at Hamilton Town Hall.

Mr. Glidden moved to continue the public hearing to Feb. 26. Ms. Cookson seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed by vote of 5-0 (Mr. Dana recused).

Acceptance of minutes of January 22, 2014

Mr. Glidden moved to accept the minutes of January 22, 2014. Mr. Cronin seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cronin moved to adjourn. Mr. Glidden seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Commission adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Minutes submitted March 5, 2014 by James Hankin