

HAMILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

October 25, 2017

Meeting at the Memorial Building.

Members Present: Virginia Cookson, Bob Cronin, Keith Glidden, Richard Luongo (Chairman), and George Tarr.

Coordinator: Jim Hankin

This meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm with a quorum established. Jim Hankin listed the materials that were presented to the Conservation Commission in their packets.

41 Highland St. Request for Determination for a Title V Compliant Septic System.

Rick Clarke, the system designer, was present to explain the proposed three bedroom septic system repair. Bill Manuel flagged the wetlands. A town drainage swale exists on the property and a water line exists out front. The best area for the septic system is out back. The soils are good, so the grade does not need to be raised. The system is placed outside the 50' buffer zone. Haybales and silt fence would be installed up-gradient of the 50' buffer zone. The Health Agent had been contacted, but the plan would be filed the following day after the Conservation Commission approved the plan. Currently, the property has a failed cesspool.

Jim Hankin presented the photos of the site. Mr. Hankin noted the slope to the wetland. Construction would not disturb the deck and would occur this fall. The permit would be issued contingent on all other approvals being in place.

Keith Glidden made motion to issue a negative determination for the septic system installation at 41 Highland St.

Virginia Cookson seconded.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

537 Highland St. Notice of Intent Public Hearing. Pingree School.

The hearing was closed on October 11, 2017 and the Commission had 21 days to issue the Order of Conditions. The Commission discussed the draft Order at the meeting. Virginia Cookson said she read the proposed Order and conditions and thought they referenced everything well. Ms. Cookson did not have any changes. Members agreed with Ms. Cookson with the exception of George Tarr who did not agree with allowing this project to proceed as proposed.

Keith Glidden made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions for the Notice of Intent for 537 Highland St. consistent with the draft Order presented.

Virginia Cookson Seconded.

Vote: Majority in favor 4:1 with George Tarr voting nay.

According to Jim Hankin, the date of issuance will be the date he mails the Order of Conditions as a certified mail packet. The issuance date starts the appeal time clock. An appellant would have ten days to appeal to DEP or 60 days to file an appeal under the By-law to the Superior Court.

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of September 27, 2017 made by George Tarr.

Seconded by Keith Glidden.

Vote: Majority in favor 4:1 Virginia Cookson abstaining as she didn't have a chance to read them.

Coordinator's Report

According to Jim Hankin, the land survey for the Central Ave. parcel is an article at Fall Town Meeting. Mr. Hankin had received a bid for the work from Peter Kane. The cost was \$3,500 and included the preparation of a recordable plan.

At the next meeting, the Patton Ridge Homeowner's Association and the Open Space Committee would be present to discuss the mowing of the fields at Patton Ridge. The Open Space Committee would also be discussing their current work objectives. Other permitting items were on the agenda, all of which would be photographed by Mr. Hankin. Currently, no site walk was planned.

Bob Howell (Central Ave.) said the Central Avenue parcels were adjacent to his home. Richard Luongo explained that the parcel was the second one to be owned by the Conservation Commission. The Commission wanted to know where the boundaries to the property were to determine the Commission's responsibility. Mr. Howell noted there was much brush and debris on the property, which he had cleaned up. Mr. Howell hoped the clean-up would continue. Jim Hankin said the abutters had been notified regarding the debris several times. Mr. Luongo added that dumping of debris could not be legally stopped until the property was surveyed. Patton Ridge has a survey plan and the Commission was looking for something similar for this parcel, according to Mr. Hankin. If the money was voted for FY18, Peter Kane could conduct the work immediately and if voted for FY19, the money could not be spent until July 1, 2018.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Bob Cronin.

Seconded by Virginia Cookson.

Vote: Unanimous to adjourn at 7:27 pm.

Prepared by:

Marcie Ricker

Attest Date