

HAMILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 9, 2018
Memorial Room, Hamilton Town Hall

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

Coordinator: Jim Hankin

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with a quorum established.

Request for Determination. 54 Homestead Circle. Construct addition to replace existing 13' x 15' deck. Diane and David Johnson Owners. Brendan Pyburn of Bobrek Engineering and Construction representative.

Brendan Pyburn explained the proposal to replace a deck with a 13' x 15' addition. The wetlands and buffer zones are shown on the filed plan. The existing house is 54' from the wetlands. The new addition would be 57' from the wetlands. A new downspout would direct run off and an 8" silk sock would be installed to accommodate any silt that would be generated by construction. The deck footings would be reused with additional ones incorporated.

Jim Hankin visited the site and distributed photos of the area including the deck area, the attached patio, the lawn and wetland flags. Disturbance from the addition would be entirely in the lawn with erosion control shown on the plan. Mr. Hankin thought it similar to other projects the Commission approved in the past.

Motion to issue a negative determination for the work at 54 Homestead made by Virginia Cookson.

Tom Myers seconded.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Discussion Items:

Coordinator's Report

George Tarr discussed two meetings he attended; the Open Space Committee meeting and the Patton Homestead Inc. Committee. Mr. Tarr said the Patton Committee discussed several issues including access to the existing canoe launch, the current prohibition on vehicular traffic along the cart path adjacent to wetlands and the idea of adding 6 acres of homestead land to the Commission's 9.1 acres of Open Space. Mr. Tarr also discussed the idea of a wetland garden on the Homestead property. He reported that it was a wide ranging discussion that will continue. The Open Space Committee meeting focused on the Conservancy District Bylaw and the Committee's re-write of it.

Discussion then ensued concerning Green Meadows Farm, next to the Homestead. The Farm was going out of business. A proposal is being developed to grow medical marijuana at that site.

Jim Hankin reported that due to the recent heavy rain events horses had come onto the playing fields at Donovan Fields and damaged them. The Recreation Committee asked the Commission to support informing the equestrians and hikers to stay off the playing fields. Town Counsel states that the Commission has authority over passive recreation at the Donovan Fields. The Commission agreed that Mr. Hankin could write an e-mail to the Recreation Committee that the Commission would support a sign at Donovan Fields stating that equestrians and hikers must stay off the playing fields.

A site walk would be held the following Saturday, May 12, at the landfill to consider a Request for a Certificate of Compliance for the landfill capping and to review the upcoming application for utility poles in Commission jurisdiction which are part of the solar facility project at the capped landfill.

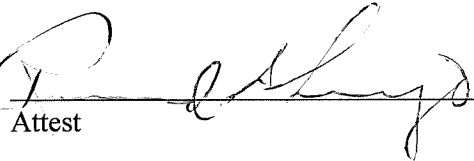
Adjournment

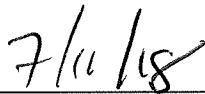
Motion to adjourn made by Bob Cronin.

Seconded by Virginia Cookson.

Vote: Unanimous to adjourn at 7:46 pm.

Prepared by:
Marcie Ricker

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Attest


Date