

HAMILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 24, 2017

Memorial Room, Hamilton Town Hall

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

Coordinator: Jim Hankin

Others Present: Shawn Farrell (Selectmen Liaison)

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

Enforcement Order Essex County Greenbelt at Sagamore Hill – Composting Facility (continued from May 10, 2017).

Mary Rimmer, the wetlands consultant for Greenbelt, requested a continuance to June 14, 2017. Jim Hankin recommended that HCC issue a new Enforcement Order with the new deadline date. The new enforcement order would incorporate the old Enforcement Order entirely.

Virginia Cookson made motion to issue a new Enforcement Order as described by Mr. Hankin. Seconded by Tom Myers.
Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Enforcement Order for the Solar Observatory at Sagamore Hill (continued from May 10, 2017). USAF requested a continuance to no later than June 29, 2017 to submit the required delineation. Jim Hankin recommended that HCC issue a new Enforcement Order with the new deadline date. The new enforcement order would incorporate the old Enforcement Order entirely.

Virginia Cookson made motion to issue a new Enforcement Order as described by Mr. Hankin. Mr. Hankin noted the June 29, 2017 meeting would be held on a Thursday at the Council on Aging Building.
Seconded by Chris Currier.
Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Notice of Intent

Re-open the public hearing for Myopia Hunt Club for the irrigation system (continued from May 10, 2017).

Chairman Luongo re-opened the public hearing. Mr. Hankin reviewed the project: the irrigation system would be abandoned and reinstalled as was presented by the consultant at the previous meeting. The Commission had continued the hearing until DEP issued a file number and

commented. There was no comment from DEP and a file number was received. Mr. Hankin further noted that he had received one e-mail from an abutter and one comment from a walk-in abutter. One question received was regarding why Myopia was able to use water during a water ban. Mr. Hankin responded that the answer could be obtained from the DPW or the Board of Selectmen, who oversaw water use, while the Conservation Commission was concerned about the impact on the wetlands. The e-mail question was in regard to the project size of pipe and how Myopia kept track of their water withdrawal. Mr. Hankin received a response from the consultant on this inquiry and forwarded it to the abutter. Virginia Cookson noted that Myopia has a State permit to withdraw water, much as the Town has.

Motion made to close the public hearing by Tom Myers.

Seconded by Virginia Cookson.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion made by Virginia Cookson to issue an Order of Conditions under the Wetlands Protection Act and Chapter 17 of the Hamilton By-law for the Myopia Hunt Club replacement of the irrigation system for the golf course with reference back to the Notice of Intent filed.

Seconded by Chris Currier

During the discussion on the motion it was agreed that there were no special conditions required for this project beyond what is described in the NOI. The NOI description of the project is incorporated into the Order of Conditions. Jim Hankin would conduct an inspection and take photos before a Certificate of Compliance would be issued by the Commission.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Discussion

Open Space Committee Appointments.

Rosemary Kennedy requested reappointment to the OSC for a new three year term, through June 30, 2020.

Motion to reappoint Rosemary Kennedy for a three year term to last until June 2020 made by George Tarr.

Seconded Virginia Cookson.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Marcia Dolce requested appointment to fill a vacant seat with term to run through June 30, 2018. She stated that she had a National Park Service career and open space was one of the best parts of living in town. Ms. Dolce had been to one OSC meeting and had met most of the members.

Motion to appoint Marcia Dolce to the Open Space Committee to fill the unexpired term of Nancy Baker until June 30, 2018 made by Chris Currier.

Seconded George Tarr.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Patton Park pool new parking lot.

Zack Peters, who is interested in this matter, will be notified that this topic will be on the meeting on June 14, 2017. The Commission would review the original Request for Determination to determine the specifications of the project. Previous discussion included Mr. Peters making points that the lot should have been better engineered. Originally the Commission issued a negative determination, allowing the construction of the parking lot. Virginia Cookson wanted to see where the water was shown to flow in the original paperwork. Richard Luongo agreed that it should be reviewed. Mr. Peters would be contacted to see if he could attend the next meeting or if the Commission could discuss the topic in his absence. Ms. Cookson wanted to review the original application to see what was approved and what was completed. The DPW attributed the current flooding issue to large amounts of rain and did not think there were solutions within current municipal constraints.

Coordinator's Report.

Jim Hankin invited the Commission to see the new layout of offices on the second floor. There would be new filings for the June 14, 2017 meeting. Smaller projects were coming in. The June 10, 2017 site walk would include the Central Ave. parcel, the pool parking lot, and a walk around the Patton Ridge property lines.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Bob Cronin.

Seconded by Tom Myers.

Vote: Unanimous to adjourn at 7:32 pm.

Prepared by:

Marcie Ricker

Attest

Date