

**MINUTES OF THE
HALIFAX CONSERVATION COMMISSION
November 27, 2018**

A meeting of the Halifax Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, in the Conservation Commission office. Vice Chairperson Kathy Evans opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

**In Attendance: Ed Lane, Member; Kathy Evans, Vice Chairperson; Chris Haddorn, Clerk
Absent: John Peck; Member, Gerry Fitzgerald, Chairperson**

Open 7:00 – RDA – 23 Lantern Lane

Present: Patrick Carrera, P.M.P. Assocs.

RDA for septic systems repair and design

Mr. Carrera provided certified letter receipts and updated plan which was approved by the Board of Health for minor changes made to the septic system repair and design. No work will be occurring within the buffer zone of East Monponsett Pond. Erosion control is in place.

A motion was made for an approval of an RDA for 23 Lantern Lane.

Motion: Ed Lane

Second: Kathy Evans

AIF

Secretarial:

A motion was made to approve the bills for Plympton/Halifax Express for \$42.00

Motion: Kathy Evans

Second: Ed Lane

AIF

A motion was made to accept the November 13, 2018 meeting minutes.

Motion: Ed Lane

Second: Chis Hadorn

AIF

Open 7:10 – Certificate of Site Plan approval for River St. (Planning Board)

The Conservation Commission was informed by the Planning Board that they will receive an updated site plan from Bob Grant.

Open: 7:20 – Solar Project 241 Franklin St.

Present: Keith Akers, Steve Ivas, Michael McGonigle

Mr. McGonigle requested an amendment to the OOC to canopy the pine trees surrounding the solar panels. The trees are approximately 90-100 feet and would need to be taken down to 30-35 feet. If not reduced in size, the trees could potentially come down during a storm and damage the solar panels. The trees are within the 50' buffer zone. Mr. Ivas then explained that trees coming down in a storm presents a hazardous condition to the drainage structure and array. Under Massachusetts state law 17-1, he proposes to use swamp mats to protect the wetlands and ground vegetation. The time frame for the project would be the next few months. It is best to do this during the colder months when the ground is

frozen. Mr. Ivas explained that the tree cuttings will be left at the site in pieces. The slash will not be more than 18” off the ground. The pieces will be distributed, not piled. The board recommended that a revised plan be submitted indicating where the canopy is to be cut.

Motion: Ed Lane
Second: Kathy Evans
AIF

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm

Motion: Ed Lane
Second: Kathy Evans
AIF

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Clark

Date Approved: _____

Signatures: _____
