

**MINUTES OF THE
HALIFAX CONSERVATION COMMISSION
October 4, 2016**

A meeting of the Halifax Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2016, in the Conservation Commission office. Chairperson Gerry Fitzgerald opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

In Attendance: Gerry Fitzgerald, Chairperson; Kathy Evans, Vice Chairperson; Chris Hadorn, Clerk; April Letorneau, Member.

Hearings and Discussions:

7:00 – RDA – 40 Holmes St.

Charlie Seelig, Town Administrator for the Town of Halifax, was present to discuss the RDA. The Town Boat Ramp on the East Lake has a low spot when you come in and out of the lake. The material that is under the propellers creates a ridge and makes it difficult to get boats in and out of the lake. They would like to make the area a proper gradient. They are not sure what kind of material will be used at this time, they will need to consult with the Highway Department however they will be using a loader. Charlie will keep the Conservation Commission in the loop as it progresses.

7:10 – NOI – 0 Franklin St., Map 93, Lot 3

Jen Silva from Outback Engineering was present. Silt fence from the street, going all the way around. Single family home with a garage. House is as far away from the wetlands with still adhering to the setbacks required. An abutter at 63 Franklin asked how many houses would be going in. There will be only one house on the property due to the amount of wetlands and the river. The septic has been approved with the BOH. Everything will be kept out of the 50'. Conservation members discussed putting up signs on the 50' every 16' so that whoever purchases the property knows what is allowed. The new owners were present so they decided that was not necessary.

Motion to approve with a Standard OOC pending BOH approval.

Motion: Kathy Evans
Second: Chris Hadorn
AIF

7:20 – NOI – 355 Plymouth St.

Mr. Joe Murray, owner and Mr. Charles Woodward from Professional Land Survey Associates were present to discuss the Dunkin Donuts project proposed for this property. This project was previously approved and the owner decided not to go forward with the project. They have revisited the Wetland line and it turned out to be exactly the same. There is a letter to that effect on file. There is a drainage calculation book in the file as well. Most everything is the same as previously approved. The building is only going to

be a one floor building now instead of two floors as previously requested. The abutter asked what the setbacks were. They are more than enough in the rear and on the right side which is where he was concerned with. He was also concerned with bringing in fill to raise it up to street level. It could need up to 4' of fill in some places. He has concerns as to how the water is going to be directed. All water is going into storm sceptor which lead to an underground leaching system designed for a 100 year storm. There is a natural overflow designed to go into the wetland area in the rear of the property in case the leaching system can't handle the water. His last concern is the loudness of the speaker. He can hear it now and it will probably get worse as it gets closer. They are going to plant a large buffer of trees to hopefully mitigate some of the noise, but there is no way around some of it. They are also hoping that the new design will be better.

Motion to approve the NOI with a Standard Order of Conditions

Motion: Kathy Evans
Second: Chris Hadorn
AIF

7:30 – NOI - 21 Plymouth St.

Scott and Sean Clawson were present to discuss the project addressed in the NOI. They would like to clean out the pond on their property of all of the muck. On the DEP number issuance, there was a note that they would like Mr. Clawson to apply for a license to apply herbicides to control nuisance aquatic vegetation. They will remove a foot of muck from the sides by excavator. They are not making anything larger. It is a man-made pond. It is used for irrigation, dust control etc. No herbicides will be used. Sludge will be reused as loom.

Motion to approve the NOI with a Standard Order of Conditions and no herbicides used.

Motion: Chris Hadorn
Second: Kathy Evans
AIF

7:40 – NOI – 4 First Ave.

Septic Repair Plan. Unsure if the BOH has approved it yet. System is out in the front yard. Old cess pool that will be pumped and filled in the front yard. Everything is outside of the 50' buffer zone.

Motion to approve the NOI subject to the BOH approval.

Motion: Chris Hadorn
Second: Kathy Evans
AIF

7:50 – General Discussion – 17 Pratt St.

Mr. and Mrs. Abacherli were present to discuss the installation of an in ground pool in their backyard. They don't want the pool too close to the house as the kids will jump off the deck into the pool, however, the 50' buffer runs right across the middle of their backyard. In order to put it outside of the 50' it would have to go on the right side of the house. They would need to take down a lot of trees and there is a decent slope. It would be their prime choice to have it out back. The pool would be 20'x40' plus a 6' walkway all the way around it, plus a fence. If they put the pool 15' off of the deck, Gerry and Chris would be willing to vote for the in ground pool in the rear of the house. If they choose to go 20', it will not get their vote. Kathy remained in favor of the 50' no touch.

8:00 – COC – 41 Ocean Ave.

Motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance

Motion: Kathy Evans
Second: Chris Hadorn
AIF

Secretarial:

75 Hayward St. complaint was read and discussed. Gerry will take a ride by the property tomorrow and see if he can figure out where he is complaining about.

No one has looked at the complaint on Crystal Lake Rd. yet.

Building Permit for 11 Sherwood Dr. was reviewed and signed.

Meeting Minutes from 8/23/16 were read and approved.

Motion: Kathy Evans
Second: John Peck
AIF

Motion to make Eddie Lane an Associate Member of the Conservation Commission

Motion: Chris Hadorn
Second: Kathy Evans
AIF

An email was read from DEP in regards to a homemade turtle crossing sign on Furnace St. They would like to survey the area to see if it is a true turtle crossing area. Kendra will respond and let them know if they would like to investigate they are more than welcome to.

Bills:

Express Newspapers - \$200.00

Motion: Kathy Evans

Second: Gerry Fitzgerald

AIF

Mail:

The mail folder was reviewed by the Commission.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm.

Motion: Chris Hadorn

Second: Kathy Evans

AIF

Respectfully submitted,

Kendra Kelly
Secretary