

Town of Southbridge
Conservation Commission Minutes
Meeting of September 7, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Present: M. Doyle, Co-Chair, K. Buxton
Absent with Notice: N. Nowick, Co-Chair

1. The meeting was opened at 6:32 p.m.
2. It was unanimously decided to vote at the next meeting on the minutes of August 17th.

3. 87 Golf Street

Scott Lazo was present to discuss this site. Although he has made progress clearing the top of the slope and a path to reach the culvert, the fill is still in the wetland. The rain has hampered his ability to safely reach the area with the heavy machinery. He also had to wait for the use of a special telescopic device that he was borrowing from Jimmy Pioppi. K. Buxton asked him when the fill was dumped and how much had been dumped. Mr. Lazo said he did not know. He asserted that the fill was clean fill from the back of Jack's Gas. Fines were to be imposed starting October 1st. However, a motion was made by K. Buxton to extend the period before fines would be incurred to October 30th. M. Doyle seconded the motion. A vote was taken by a show of hands. The motion passed, unanimous in favor.

Scott Lazo was asked to return for an update at the October 18th meeting.

4. M. Julian has not responded to emails regarding what was found at Pleasant Hills regarding an erosion complaint, and the complaint of debris in the brook at 631 Charlton Street when he and E. Rumsey visited those locations. Commissioners will stop by those sites on their own.

5. M. Doyle reported that she had attended a site visit to 18 Mill Street where a part of the building right next to the river is unstable and there are concerns it could fall. Fencing will be increased in the area, but there appears to be no practical way to protect the river. Were the building to fail, the debris would need to be removed from the river.

6. Certificate of Compliance – 43 Quail Run

A site visit has been conducted and no violations found. A motion was made by K. Buxton to issue a partial certificate of compliance for the infrastructure Order and a complete certificate of compliance for the site Order. M. Doyle seconded the motion. A vote was taken by a show of hands. The motion passed, unanimous in favor.

7. 540 Hamilton Street was discussed. The applicant has reported that the work permitted in the Order will not be done and the Order was never filed at the Registry. Therefore, no certificate will be issued.

8. Certificate of Compliance – 32 Whitetail Circle

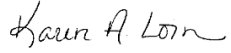
A site visit has been conducted and no violations found. A motion was made by M. Doyle to issue a complete certificate of compliance for the site Order. K. Buxton seconded the motion. A vote was taken by a show of hands. The motion passed, unanimous in favor.

9. Information about a grant opportunity will be forwarded to the commissioners.

10. M. Doyle noted that she had attended a watershed plan update and that Southbridge was mentioned quite often as we have the largest population of the surrounding towns. She also attended a workshop about productive site visits.

11. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20th, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the McCann Room. It was unanimously decided to adjourn. It was approximately 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Administrative Assistant

