

Minutes
Northampton Conservation Commission
Hearing Room 18, City Hall, Northampton, Mass.
Nov. 17, 2016

Members	Present	Time
Kevin Lake, Chair	x	
Mason Maronn	x	
Tim Parshall	x	
Lisa Fusco	x	
Jack Finn	x	
Jason Perry	x	
t.b.a.		
Staff	Present	Time
Sarah LaValley	x	
Aleta DeLisle	x	

Meeting Opened At:

By:

5:30 p.m.

Kevin

Minutes Approved:

Motion By:

Second By:

Unanimous:

<i>September 22, 2016 Regular Session</i>	<i>Tim</i>	<i>Jason</i>	<i>All in favor</i>
<i>September 22, 2016 Executive Session</i>	<i>Tim</i>	<i>Jason</i>	<i>All in favor</i>

Order of Business:

Welcome New Member.

The Commission welcomed Lisa Fusco back on the Commission. Lisa has previously served on the Commission.

Public Hearings:

5:30 PM: Continuation- Notice of Intent for bank stabilization and stream channel structure realignment. Work to take place in land under water, bordering land subject to flooding and riverfront area to Roberts Meadow Brook. Northampton DPW, parcel IDs 10-006 and 009, 10B-103 and 15-001. *The applicant has requested a continuation, with no discussion to be held at this time, until December 8, 2016, at 5:30 PM.*

Upon motion by Lisa and second by Tim the Commission voted all in favor to continue the hearing until Dec. 8th at 5:30 p.m.

5:30 PM Request for Determination of Applicability to determine if construction of a bench in riverfront area (Mill River) is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act or Northampton Wetlands Ordinance. Northampton Office of Planning & Sustainability, Trail off Ward Avenue, Map ID 31C-36.

Wayne Feiden, Director, Office of Planning & Sustainability reviewed the history of the project noting that circumstances are such that a bench can now be installed. Wayne stated that it's in the floodplain to the river and there will be less than 1 cubic yard of displacement. Wayne noted that if the bench gets damaged there is an endowment so it can be rebuilt.

Upon motion by Tim and second by Jason the Commission voted all in favor to close the hearing. Upon motion by Mason and second by Lisa the Commission voted all in favor to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability by Checking Box 2.

Other Items:

Request for Extension of Order of Conditions – ‘Hospitality North’ 23 Atwood Drive. Map IDs 39-041, 39-043, DEP File 246-674.

Jason recused himself from the hearing. Sarah reviewed the status of the project noting that the hotel has been demolished and that new plans are anticipated in January. Sarah noted that the Extension of the Order of Conditions has expired so the applicant is requesting an extension to the project. Upon motion by Kevin and second by Mason the Commission voted all in favor to issue an Extension of the Order of Conditions for one year.

Holiday Meeting Schedule.

The Commission set the holiday meeting schedule for the next two meetings which will be December 8th and January 12th.

All other business not foreseen when agenda was published.

Jack stated that the Community Preservation Committee has a very competitive round this year and stated that for the Commission's request for the Conservation Fund it would be beneficial if examples of soft costs for land acquisitions was given to the Committee since they don't have a budgetary sheet on funding for this request. The Commission agreed that examples would be given to the Committee. Kevin noted that some land acquisitions might be cultivated for years so funding for soft costs needs to be on hand quickly to close the deal.

<i>Meeting Adjourned:</i>	<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i>Unanimous:</i>
6:10 p.m.	Tim	Jack	All in favor