

MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
LISBON TOWN HALL VIRTUAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020
7:00 P.M.

a. Roll Call

The Special Meeting of the Conservation Commission was called to order by Richard Hamel, Chairman, at 7:01 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Hamel, Mark Robinson, Joseph Lewerk, Olivia Benson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leonora Szruba, William McIntosh, SR (ALT), Mark Sullivan (ALT)

- b. Wetlands Violation – Douglas & Vera Hueg, 26 Regina Road – It was noted for the record that Douglas and Vera Hueg of 26 Regina Road were present. Also noted for the record, Joseph Theroux, Conservation Officer, could not be present for this Special Meeting.

Mr. Hueg was asked by the Chairman to explain the situation. Mr. Hueg stated that on April 17, 2020, his heating fuel tank received 200 gallons of fuel. On April 23, the drain valve on the tank had accidentally been opened, causing the tank to be emptied. He stated he did not contact anyone but refilled the tank with 200 gallons. Mr. Hueg then reported that three weeks later, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection contacted him and came out to do sampling. Mr. Hueg stated there was no contamination in his well nor three wells in the neighborhood also tested. It was noted for the record by Chairman Hamel that the Town became involved when a complaint had been made to the Town Hall of the odor of fuel oil in the neighborhood and, after notifying Joseph Theroux, Conservation officer, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection was notified of the complaint.

Mr. Hueg stated that he called Kropp Environmental for remediation. He was instructed to remove soil from under the tank and Kropp would remove it. The soil was again sampled, and readings were high. Kropp recommended putting a passive vapor extraction system in.

Chairman Hamel suggested that due to not having rain the last couple of weeks, the contaminated soil may be below water level at this time. Chairman Hamel asked the Commission if they had any questions.

Mr. Lewerk asked how long it will take to put the remediation system in, and if Kropp will certify the remediation? Mr. Hueg responded that he intends to close everything up within a week of this meeting. He also stated that Kropp will not certify as they are giving him guidance, not doing the work.

Mr. Robinson stated that based on an email sent to the Conservation Officer by Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, which had been forwarded to the Commission and is in the file, and what Mr. Hueg has reported during this meeting, he has no questions. He stated the site should be checked again after the next heavy rain. Mr. Lewerk suggested that the Conservation Officer should be contacted to review the site again and oversee the backfilling.

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Chairman Hamel noted for the record that a member of the public, Mr. Herbert Vars of 13 Sullivan Road, was present at the virtual meeting. Chairman Hamel noted that this was a virtual special meeting, not a public hearing whereby public comment would be considered.

- c. Adjournment – A motion was made by O. Benson second by J. Lewerk to adjourn at 7:28 PM

VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED



Elaine Joseph, Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Richard Hamel, Chairman

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