



Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

Town of Kingston
26 Evergreen Street, Room 200
Kingston, MA 02364

Present: Jim Franklin (Vice-Chairperson), Megan Hickey, Dorothy Macfarlane

Virtual: Kalina Vendetti (Chairperson), Natalie Wiegman, Vittorio "Buz" Artiano

Absent: Glen Duffy

Staff: Matt Penella, Conservation Agent & Julianna Denum, Assistant Conservation Agent

Location: Town Hall Offices, Room 200

Commission Meeting Opened: 6:30 p.m.

Vice-Chair Jim Franklin opened the meeting on December 27, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Due to audio issues, Commissioners attending the meeting virtually submitted their votes through the Zoom chat.

BUSINESS:

I. Signing Documents

The Commission signed an invoice from Environmental Partners Group for \$6,025.00 for MS4 support for November 2023. Additionally, the Commission signed two DOA's: one for 77 Summer Street and another for 85 Summer Street.

II. Action Items

a) Request for Certificate of Compliance 68 Evergreen Street

Vice-chair Jim Franklin opened a meeting to discuss a request for certificate of compliance for 68 Evergreen Street. Darren Grady from Grady Consulting stated that the applicant is seeking a Certificate of Compliance for 68 Evergreen Street for Order of Conditions issued in 2007. Darren

stated that the stormwater features on site are in working order. Darren noted that there was overgrowth in one of the basins which has been cleared. Agent Penella stated that a site visit was conducted, and the work appears to be in compliance with the Order of Conditions. The agent recommended the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance for 68 Evergreen Street.

VOTE: Commissioner MacFarlane made motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 68 Evergreen Street. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. The motion PASSED with a vote 6-0-0.

III. Enforcement

No enforcement matters were discussed by the Commission.

IV: Meeting Minutes

Minutes for October 25, 2023, were submitted to the Commission for review and approval.

VOTE: Commissioner Artiano made a motion to approve the minutes for October 25, 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. The motion PASSED with a vote 4-0-2.

V. Updates

a) Eversource vegetation management

Agent Penella stated that a notice was received for exempt utility maintenance from Eversource for work to be completed in 2024. If any member of the public has questions, they can reach out to the Conservation Department.

B) MassTrails Grant

Agent Penella stated that the Conservation Department is currently working on a grant application that includes a trail design for an accessible trail loop starting at the senior center. The agent stated that the grant application may also seek funding to assess the feasibility of a pedestrian crossing over the MBTA tracks that would connect the proposed trail to the Opachinski Field Complex.

C) Additional Updates

The agent stated that the Conservation Department is continuing to apply for grants to implement the Lake Street culvert project, in conjunction with the Jones River Watershed Association. This project aims for the installation of a fish ladder and the dredging of Forge Pond, with the goal of enabling herring to access Silver Lake and providing eels with a pathway back to the ocean. Agent Penella noted the department's efforts in working on grant opportunities for the purchase of the Correira bog property on Wapping Road. Additionally, he

mentioned work on signage for Camp Nekon, Calista Farm, and Bay Farm, which was funded by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). The agent added that the Open Space Committee recently moved a section of trail at Cranberry Watershed Preserve and noted assistance from a person in the veteran's tax work off program with color-coded trail markers at Camp Nekon. Additionally, the remainder of the match funding for the Elm Street project will be returned to the Town at the next Town Meeting. The agent shared progress on the Coastal Zone Management Assisting Salt Marsh in the Jones River Estuary Grant, aimed at GIS assessment and legal due diligence for parcel preservation to support marsh migration due to sea level rise. Lastly, he shared positive feedback from the Old Colony Planning Council on the Open Space and Recreation Plan and the department's efforts to enhance the Land Stewards Program.

VI. Public Hearings

- a) Off Anderson Avenue (0 Sawmill Drive): Notice of Intent (NOI) for the proposed construction of a 3.2 mW (DC) ground mount solar energy system within a cranberry bog, and within the buffer zone of a wetland resource area. The applicant has requested continuance to January 10th, 2024.**

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VOTE: Commissioner MacFarlane made a motion to continue the hearing to January 10th, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. The motion PASSED with a vote 6-0-0.

CLOSING REMARKS

Vice-chair Jim Franklin made closing remarks at 7:01 p.m. The next meeting will be held on January 10th, 2023, starting at 6:30 p.m. in Room 200.

VOTE: Commissioner Hickey made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Macfarlane; PASSED 6-0-0

Note on Voting Format: In the vote tallies mentioned in these minutes, the format used is "Yes-No-Abstain".

Prepared by: Julianna Denum, Assistant Conservation Agent, Kingston Conservation Department

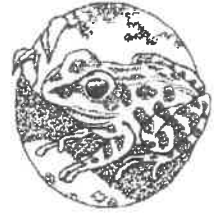
Approved by: Kingston Conservation Commission

Documents used at the meeting:

- 12/27/2023 agenda
- 10/25/2023 meeting minutes
- Request for Certificate of Compliance documents for 68 Evergreen Street
- Eversource vegetation management plan



KINGSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION



26 Evergreen Street, Kingston, MA 02364

SIGN-IN SHEET

PLEASE NOTE THIS MEETING IS BEING VIDEO & AUDIO RECORDED

DATE: 12/27/23

NAME	INTEREST	ADDRESS
DARRIN GRADY	68 EVERGREEN ST	71 EVERGREEN ST



TOWN OF KINGSTON

NOTICE OF MEETING

BOARD:	Conservation Commission
DATE & TIME:	Wednesday, December 27, 2023 @ 6:30 PM
MEETING LOCATION:	Town House-26 Evergreen St. Room 200 & VIA ZOOM
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:	Matt Penella, Conservation Agent

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This meeting is being recorded by PACTV. Anyone intending to make an audio or video recording of this meeting should notify the Chair.

AGENDA

6:30 PM – CALL TO ORDER – ROOM 200

SIGNING DOCUMENTS:

1. Invoice received by Environmental Partners Group, LLC for \$6,025.00, for MS4 support for November 2023
2. Determination of Applicability for 85 Summer Street
3. Determination of Applicability for 77 Summer Street

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Request for Certificate of Compliance for 68 Evergreen Street

ENFORCEMENT:

MEETING MINUTES:

1. October 25, 2023

UPDATES:

1. Eversource vegetation maintenance

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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ADJOURN:

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

1. January 10, 2023

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://pactv.zoom.us/j/96816332793?pwd=WmZRUWhTc0dsWUxrNGhSSjBNdDFldz09>

Meeting ID: 968 1633 2793

Passcode: 756156

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+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

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