

**APPROVED**

**ADAMS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, April 7, 2022  
6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman James Fassell, and Commission members Steve Melito, David Lipinski, Erica Deane, and Natasha Bordeaux

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Member Jeff Randall and Matt Burdick

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brian Rhodes, iBerkshires.com; Eammon Coughlin and Rebecca Ferguson, Town of Adams; Sharon Burke, Thomas Williams, and Russell Abell, SMI Adams; Melissa Coady, Tighe & Bond; Joseph Nowak, Town of Adams Select Board; Isaiah Moore, Administrative Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Fassell called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Chairmember Fassell introduced the board to new member Erica Deane, and had the members of the board share a little about themselves.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The board members need to approve the minutes of February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

A motion by member David Lipinski seconded by member Erica Deane to approve the minutes of the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE: Ratification of Emergency Certificate for immediate work at 169 West Road (Map 219 Parcel 5) due to failed septic system.**

Chairmember Fassell explained that he had gone up to inspect the site and saw the damage on the property. He proceeded to explain the damage that he had witnessed.

Mr. Coughlin added details about the damage. He explained that there is a river near the broken septic system while pointing out the damage to the system. He also explained that the owner of the home was elderly and had no other way to use the restroom as well as, the fear that time it would take to go the route of a notice of intent might lead to increased risk of public health and the environment which is why the commission went with the Emergency Certificate.

Mr. Coughlin explained that while it is not best practice, the commission actually issued two Emergency Certificates for this project because the people could not finish the project within the 30-days due to supply chain issues.

Member Lipinski asked if the work will be completed in the 30-day period. Mr. Coughlin answered that they did.

Chairmember Fassell asked if the board will receive any information on the work being finished.

Mr. Coughlin responded that the company would have to get sign offs from the board of health but that the Conservation commission would not need to receive any extra information.

The board members discussed that the cost that it would be on the applicant to get the things drawn up and the extra work that would be needed and figured that it would be a large cost on the applicant and would delay the operation.

Member Deane motioned, seconded by Member Bordeaux, to ratify the Emergency Certificate for immediate work at 169 West Road (Map 219 Parcel 5) due to failed septic system without conditions. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairmember Fassell made a motion seconded by Member Bordeaux to amend the previous motion to add the requirement for the company working on the condition to bring information before the board to show the work they had completed. The motion failed with Chairmember Fassell in support and Members Deane, Melito, Lipinski, Burdick, and Bordeaux in opposition.

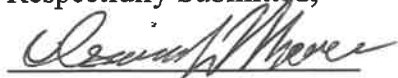
## **OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:**

### **REVIEW MAIL:**

### **ADJOURN:**

Member Melito motioned to adjourn at 6:33 pm, seconded by Member Lipinski, passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



10/5/2022

Date