

## Holliston Conservation Commission

### Meeting Minutes

Town Hall- Meeting Room #014

October 3, 2017

7:30 PM

Present: Rebecca Weissman, Vice Chair; Jennifer Buttarro, Shaw Lively, Blake M. Mensing, Ann Marie Pilch, Allen Rutberg, Commissioners  
Kristin O'Brien, Conservation Assistant

Absent: Chris Bajdek, Chair; Utah Nickel, Associate Commissioner

**Rebecca Weissman, Vice Chair, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM.**

### General Business

#### Discussion: 179 Mohawk Path Retention Wall Repairs - Hinesh Surati

- Mr. Surati explained that the armored wall behind his home is falling apart and he has spoken with both Toll Brothers and Fafard; however they have been claiming the other is responsible for repairs.
- The wall is at the edge of the 100' line of a vernal pool resource area and entirely within the 200' buffer zone.
- The wall is within 30' of his home and Mr. Surati has expressed safety concerns. The Commission agreed the wall needs to be replaced but they need an engineered plan to move forward.
- The Commission discussed other wall options (such as a stacked block retaining wall); however any replacement wall needs to stay in the same foot print. They would be very hesitant to approve a plan where the wall slopes back into the vernal pool, as there are other options to build a new wall.
- An engineered plan must be submitted with an application before the Commission before work can be approved.

#### Discussion: Adams St Town Forest Parking Lot Repairs

- Chris Bajdek emailed saying if CPC funded the project previously the Committee would unlikely approve additional funds for repair.
- A warrant may need to be submitted to Town Meeting.
- Highway is unable to do the repairs for the foreseeable future.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC MEETINGS

**Continued Public Hearing – Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation DEP File # 185-830: 185 Cedar Street (Assessors Map 14-3-1)** proposed wetland delineation . *Joyce Hastings, GLM, Inc* representing *David Adams, Indian Ridge Realty Trust*

- Mr. Adams is waiting on a revised wetland delineation plan and has requested a continuance to the October 17, 2017 meeting.

**Mr. Lively made a motion to continue the hearing for 185 Cedar Street until the October 17, 2017 meeting. Dr. Rutberg seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0).**

**\*\*New Public Hearing – Notice of Intent DEP File # 185-831: 11 Minuteman Circle (Assessors Map 14-5-5B)** proposed well installation, shed, and landscaping . *Brian Hassett, Guerriere and Halnon, Inc.* representing *Igor Davydenko*

- Mr. Hassett waived the reading of the legal notice advertised in the *MetroWest Daily News* on September 26, 2017.

- Mr. Hassett is proposing a well for irrigation and drinking water, plantings of trees for privacy and fruit, a ~ 120 sf shed, and a paver walkway from the driveway to the shed.
- The well placement (1 foot off the 50' no-disturb) was dictated by septic and lot line setbacks and there is no other viable location on the lot.
- The shed would require a sonotube foundation.
- The Commission would prefer pervious pavers for the pathway and has requested further information from the well company including the size of the drill, expected disturbance area, and estimate of slurry volume.
- The Commission discussed requiring mitigation plantings if the well is approved.
- Mr. Hassett will follow up on the possible grading changes that were supposed to be submitted as a Request for an Amended Order of Conditions.

**Mr. Lively made a motion to continue the hearing for 11 Minuteman Circle until the October 17, 2017 meeting. Dr. Rutberg seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0).**

### **General Business**

#### **Discussion: 51 Charles St Potential Septic Replacement**

- In 2005, the homeowners needed to replace their failing septic systems and due to proximity of the canal and other constraints DEP suggested they look into alternative systems.
- The owners decided to install a tight tank, which must be pumped whenever it is full.
- Scott Moles, Board of Health Agent, has concerns of the proposed system, including access to the backyard and groundwater.
- After discussion, the Commission agreed that an NOI must be submitted for the proposed work and they cannot guarantee approval.

#### **Discussion: Highlands at Holliston Conservation Restriction**

- Ms. O'Brien explained that Oxbow Assoc. planned to submit two cost proposals since they were not sure how much work would be required to create a scope of work. There was some back and forth with the lawyers over the second proposal as Fafard's Attorneys believed it went beyond what they were asked to do. Oxbow Assoc. explained the process further and Fafard agreed, but it caused a delay.
- The Commission discussed some overview requirements they would like to include in the proposed scope of works, including three restoration areas, mitigation plantings, redesign the swale at the top of Hiawatha, and a letter to the homeowners.
- Ms. O'Brien will look into the status of the homeowners association.

#### **Constitution Village**

- The OoC for the roads and drainage at Constitution Village expired a while ago.
- A Partial CoC was issued about seven years ago only for the release of specific lots to Toll Brothers.
- The Commission discussed options to move forward.

#### **Vote on 9/5/17 Draft Meeting Minutes**

**Ms. Pilch made a motion to accept the 09/05/17 minutes. Mr. Lively seconded the motion. Unanimous. (5-0-0).**

#### **Review Correspondence**

- None to review.

#### **Review Conservation Agent Applications**

- Ms. O'Brien informed the Commission that she is finalist for a position at Sudbury Valley Trustees and will know more next week.
- Ms. O'Brien excused herself from the rest of the meeting.
- The Commission reviewed the applications.

**Dr. Rutberg moved that the Commission recommend Kristin O'Brien to the Board of Selectmen as Conservation Agent. Mr. Mensing seconded the motion. Unanimous. (5-0-0).**

- The Commission discussed a fallen tree by Juniper Road.

**Mr. Lively made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 PM. Dr. Rutberg seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0).**