

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Town Hall- Room #014

April 2, 2019

7:30 PM

Present: Christopher Bajdek, Chair, Rebecca Weissman, Vice Chair, Ann Marie Pilch, Shaw Lively, Utah Nickel, and Allen Rutberg, Commissioners, Sean Fay, Associate Commissioner

Ryan Clapp, Conservation Agent

Absent: Jennifer Buttaro, Commissioner

Christopher Bajdek, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

General Business

Public Comment

- No comment

Review/Approve Minutes of 3/5/19 & 3/19/19

- Mr. Bajdek suggested a revision in regards to the Tree Removal / Mitigation Policy item discussed on 3/5/19

Mr. Lively made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/5/19 with Mr. Bajdek's revision. Dr. Rutberg seconded the motion. Vote passes unanimously (6-0-0).

Ms. Pilch made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/19/19 as written. Mr. Lively seconded the motion. Vote passes (4-0-2) with Ms. Weissman and Dr. Rutberg abstaining.

Request for a Certificate of Compliance: DEP #185-850: 126 Summer Street

Documents: WPA Form 8A

- Mr. Clapp reported that despite the having an Order of Conditions issued to 126 Summer Street under DEP #185-850, the Planning Board did not approve the site plan. Sale of the property was dependent upon the acquisition of necessary permits, and is therefore invalid.
- The property owner would like to clear the Order of Conditions from her title. This Order was not yet recorded at the Registry of Deeds, but a Certificate of Compliance would make the Order administratively closed.
- Mr. Clapp noted that Condition #26 required site cleanup. There is fencing, construction debris, and other miscellaneous items entrenched in the ground within the 200qRiverfront Area. Mr. Clapp suggested that in issuing the Certificate of Compliance, the Commission retain that requirement. He noted that the homeowner expressed her intention on site cleanup.
- Mr. Bajdek suggested that the homeowner clean up the site prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance, rather than impose a deadline.

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Drafted for the Commission by: Ryan Clapp

Approved by the Commission: 4-16-19

- The Certificate of Compliance was not issued this evening. Mr. Clapp will follow up with the homeowner to let her know the conditions for the issuance.

Discussion: Maintenance of Waterways

Documents: Memorandum from Tom Smith, Highway Superintendent, dated 3/6/19; Right of Entry form from Highway Department.

Annotated map entitled "Conservation Lands in Holliston, MA", dated 7/7/15, depicting streams and culverts.

- Per the Commission's request, Mr. Clapp has coordinated with Mr. Smith to locate the culverts and waterways referenced in the memorandum on a map.
- Mr. Lively inquired if the plan was to just clear culverts, or the entire stream. Mr. Clapp believed Mr. Smith was proposing to clear streams of debris as well. He will confirm with Mr. Smith.
- Mr. Bajdek inquired about other culverts in town. Mr. Clapp responded that these culverts were ones Mr. Smith had the most issue with, so it only pertains to these..
- Mr. Lively suggested the Winthrop Canal Policy, currently in the works, be related. Mr. Bajdek suggested it be included as an appendix.
- Mr. Clapp will confer with Mr. Smith before the next meeting.

Discussion: Mitigation Planting / Tree Removal Policy

Documents: Draft Mitigation Planting / Tree Removal Policy

- Mr. Clapp presented the latest draft of the Mitigation/Tree Removal Policy. No Commissioners had other suggestions.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to accept the Tree Removal and Mitigation Policy drafted by Mr. Clapp. Dr. Rutberg seconded the motion. Vote passes unanimously (6-0-0).

- Mr. Lively suggested Mr. Clapp write a brief article for the Holliston Reporter, reminding residents of wetland laws and the new form.

Review Correspondence / Other

- No new mail since the previous meeting.
- Mr. Fay noted that there appeared to be some work going on near the golf course on Prentice Street. Mr. Clapp will investigate and establish jurisdiction if it exists.
- Mr. Clapp reported that he went to the Robert Adams Middle School to speak with the 7th grade science teachers regarding local environmental protection, specifically in regards to the Wetlands Protection Act. He will be working with the teachers to come up with an end-of-year project for the students.
- Mr. Clapp responded to and resolved two potential wetland violations at 85 Prospect Street (tree removal) and 763 Winter Street (trash).

- Mr. Clapp and Ms. Sherman, Town Planner, will be meeting with Mr. Michael Generazio later this week. Mr. Generazio is interested in donating two parcels of land off of Mohawk Path that he jointly owns with Fafard. Mr. Clapp will be confirming Mr. Generazio's interest, and will then speak to Town Counsel regarding any legal issues.
- Mr. Clapp noted that Mr. Smith requested an extension to the Emergency Certification for the breaching of a beaver dam off of Westfield Drive. The Board of Health has already issued its extension.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to extend the Emergency Certification for the breaching of a beaver dam off of Westfield Drive until 5/19/19. Ms. Weissman seconded the motion. Vote passes unanimously (6-0-0).

Public Hearings/Public Meetings

Notice of Intent for DEP File #185-849: Old Cart Path, Paul Revere Lane, Minuteman Circle, Hiawatha Trail, Governor Prence Way (Assessors Map 14) for proposed construction of a roadway and drainage alteration - Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., representing Constitution Village, LLC.

Documents: WPA Form 8A; Plan Set entitled %Constitution Village Subdivision Modification in Holliston, MA,+dated 11/15/18; email from Mr. Clapp dated 12/26/18; Response Memorandum from Mr. George Mihov dated 12/31/18.

- Mr. Clapp visited the site with Mr. Kyle Cormier, Oxbow Associates, and Mr. George Mihov, Guerriere & Halnon. He noted that several wetland flags were field revised, and is awaiting a report from Mr. Cormier.

Mr. Lively made a motion to continue the public hearing for DEP #185-849: Old Cart Path, Paul Revere Lane, Minuteman Circle, Hiawatha Trail, Governor Prence Way to the meeting on 4/16/19. Ms. Pilch seconded the motion. Vote passes unanimously (6-0-0).

Ms. Weissman made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM. Ms. Pilch seconded the motion. Vote passes unanimously (6-0-0).

*****All documents shall be kept in the Conservation Commission Office files*****