

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Via Remote Participation

December 22, 2020

7:30 PM

Present: Christopher Bajdek, Chair; Rebecca Weissman, Vice Chair, Jennifer Buttarro, Shaw Lively (left 9:32), Utah Nickel, Allen Rutberg, Commissioners

Ryan Clapp, Conservation Agent

Absent: Ann Marie Pilch, Commissioner

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

Mr. Bajdek read the following into the record:

Pursuant to the Governor's Order Suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c 30A paragraph 20, as well as the Select Board's Emergency Order dated 3/16/2020 the Holliston Conservation Commission will be using remote participation for this meeting. The audio of this meeting is being recorded and will be posted to the Town's webpage within 24 hours in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Action requirement of keeping the public informed of actions during this meeting. I would ask that all participants remotely attending this meeting please state your name for identification purposes each time you speak throughout the meeting.

At this time, a roll call attendance vote will be taken.

Mr. Bajdek:	Present
Ms. Weissman:	Present
Ms. Buttarro:	Present
Mr. Lively:	Present
Mr. Nickel:	Present
Ms. Pilch:	Absent
Dr. Rutberg:	Present

General Business

Review/Approve Minutes of 12/8/2020

Dr. Rutberg made a motion to approve the minutes of 12/8/20. Mr. Nickel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Bajdek:	Aye
Ms. Weissman:	Aye
Ms. Buttarro:	Abstain
Mr. Lively:	Aye
Mr. Nickel:	Aye
Dr. Rutberg:	Aye

Vote to Authorize Christopher Bajdek to sign all documents issued by the Conservation Commission on 12/22/2020

Mr. Nickel made a motion to authorize Christopher Bajdek to sign all documents issued by the Conservation Commission on 12/22/2020. Ms. Buttaro seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Bajdek:	Aye
Ms. Weissman:	Aye
Ms. Buttaro:	Aye
Mr. Lively:	Aye
Mr. Nickel:	Aye
Dr. Rutberg:	Aye

Request for update to the plan of record: DEP #185-885: Lot 78 Old Cart Path

- Mr. Michael Hassett, representative for the applicant, presented proposed project changes to the Commission. The applicant proposes a new layout for the septic system and house that increases encroachment in the buffer zone but avoiding any encroachment into the 50' No Disturbance Zone. Much of the proposed increased disturbance is associated with an expanded driveway.
- Ms. Weissman expressed concerns that this is a more involved alteration than would be appropriate as a minor modification. Several Commissioners agreed, citing the increased footprint and encroachment into the buffer zone, with Dr. Rutberg noting that the entirety of the previously approved driveway was outside the buffer zone.
- The Commission agreed that this would not be appropriate and requested a new Notice of Intent for an Amended Order of Conditions.

Tree Removal Request: #3 Katie's Way

- Mr. Clapp provided information on the proposed trees in question. Two large oaks on the edge of the tree line approximately 20' from the house were heavily damaged and dying, posing a risk to the house. They are located within the 50' No Disturbance Buffer Zone and surrounded by small saplings and mature trees.
- Ms. Weissman inquired if mitigation plantings would be necessary. Mr. Clapp noted that while the homeowner is agreeable to mitigation plantings, the area is heavily vegetated and this may cause additional undue disturbance. Mr. Bajdek expressed concerns regarding the saplings and potential damage to them when removing the trees. The Commission approved the tree removal request, noting that saplings will have to be replaced as mitigation in the case they are damaged or destroyed in the process.

Article XXX Regulations Review: S. 1.01 – 1.08

- The Commission reviewed the draft Article XXX S 1.01 – 1.08 Regulations, offering various edits and revisions.

Review Correspondence / Other

- No correspondence was received.

Public Hearings/Public Meetings

Request for Determination of Applicability for #D-687: #249 Hollis Street (Assessors Map 8-5-6)
for proposed replacement septic system - *CIVILized Solutions*, representing *Lisolette Ward*

Documents: WPA Form 1; Plan of Land entitled "Septic System Construction, 249 Hollis Street, Holliston, Massachusetts," dated 11/11/2020

- Mr. Clapp read the legal advertisement into the record.
- Mr. Eric Dickinson, representative for the applicant, presented the project to the Commission. He noted that the existing septic system is failing, and proposes a replacement system. He noted there is a wetland system to the east of the property and the proposed system is within the 100' buffer zone, but outside the 50' No Disturbance Zone. With an onsite irrigation well and a terraced backyard, this was the only possible location for the septic system.
- Mr. Lively inquired as to the extent of lawn onsite. Mr. Dickinson noted the entire front yard, where the system is proposed, is existing lawn.

Ms. Weissman made a motion to issue a Negative #3 Determination for #D-687: #249 Hollis Street. Ms. Buttaro seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Bajdek:	Aye
Ms. Weissman:	Aye
Ms. Buttaro:	Aye
Mr. Lively:	Aye
Mr. Nickel:	Aye
Dr. Rutberg:	Aye

Notice of Intent for DEP #185-892: #45 Washington Street (Assessors Map 12-2-11) for proposed commercial building – *Legacy Engineering, LLC*, representing *Gill Realty Trust*

Documents: WPA Form 3; Plan Set entitled "45 Washington Street, Holliston, MA Site Plan," dated 9/8/2020

- Mr. Clapp noted that per the previous meeting, this matter was continued until 1/5/2021. Therefore, no vote was needed this evening.

Notice of Intent for DEP #185- 866: #1569 Washington Street (Assessors Map 5-3-62) for proposed gravel storage area – *GLM Engineering*, representing *Michael Alves*

Documents: WPA Form 3; Plan Set entitled "Site Plan of Land, Scooby Truck Sales, 1569 Washington Street, Holliston, Massachusetts," dated 2/24/20 (rev. 3/8/20)

- Mr. Clapp noted that per the previous meeting, this matter was continued until 1/5/2021. Therefore, no vote was needed this evening.

Dr. Rutberg made a motion to adjourn at 9:50 PM. Ms. Buttaro seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Bajdek:	Aye
Ms. Weissman:	Aye
Ms. Buttaro:	Aye
Mr. Nickel:	Aye
Ms. Pilch:	Aye
Dr. Rutberg:	Aye

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