

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Via Remote Participation

November 24, 2020

7:30 PM

Present: Christopher Bajdek, Chair; Rebecca Weissman, Vice Chair, Jennifer Buttarro, Utah Nickel, Ann Marie Pilch, Allen Rutberg, Commissioners

Ryan Clapp, Conservation Agent

Absent: Shaw Lively, 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:	Absent
Mr. Nickel:	Present
Ms. Pilch:	Present
Dr. Rutberg:	Present

General Business

Review/Approve Minutes of 11/10/2020

- Mr. Bajdek offered minor typo corrections.

Dr. Rutberg made a motion to approve the minutes of 11/10/20. Ms. Pilch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Bajdek:	Aye
Ms. Weissman:	Abstain
Ms. Buttarro:	Aye
Mr. Nickel:	Aye
Ms. Pilch:	Aye

Dr. Rutberg: Abstain

Vote to Authorize Christopher Bajdek to sign all documents issued by the Conservation Commission on 11/24/2020

Mr. Nickel made a motion to authorize Christopher Bajdek to sign all documents issued by the Conservation Commission on 11/24/2020. 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

Vote on Order of Conditions: DEP #185-875: “0” Marilyn Street

- Ms. Buttaro recused herself as an abutter
- Mr. Clapp presented a draft Order of Conditions to the Commission. He noted that this Order had specific conditions for the planting and maintaining of mitigation plantings, as well as referenced to the possible bylaw-specific vernal pool.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions for DEP #185-875: “0” Marilyn Street. Dr. Rutberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

- Ms. Buttaro returned to the meeting and resumed her role as a Commissioner.

Eagle Scout project completion – Daniels Conservation Land: Ted Grevers

- Mr. Grevers reported to the Commission that his project, a kiosk at the entrance to the Daniels Conservation Land, has been completed. In addition to the construction of the kiosk, he has mulched the area surrounding it, as well as removed invasive species growing nearby. He has edited an existing map for the property from the Commission’s website to make the map more up-to-date and has posted it in the kiosk.
- Mr. Bajdek inquired if the lot lines on the map were accurate. Ms. Pilch confirmed that they were.

- The Commission thanked Mr. Grevers for his efforts, noting that this was a welcome improvement to the entrance of the property. The Commission congratulated Mr. Grevers on the completion of his Eagle Scout project.

Eagle Scout project completion – Fairbanks Conservation Land: *Ben Chamberlain*

- Mr. Chamberlain reported to the Commission that his project, a kiosk at the entrance to the Fairbanks Conservation Land, has been completed. Additionally, he has replaced the stand for the existing sign referencing the various stakeholders on the property and pressure washed the granite sign at the entrance.
- Mr. Chamberlain noted that a key for both kiosks has been provided to Mr. Clapp.
- The Commission thanked Mr. Chamberlain for his efforts, noting that the entrance to this property was in need of renovations and has been much improved. The Commission congratulated Mr. Chamberlain for the completion of his Eagle Scout project.

Review Correspondence / Other

- Mr. Clapp presented an invoice from CMG Environmental for \$1,435 for work related to the peer review for #45 Washington Street.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to authorize Ryan Clapp to sign the invoice for CMG Environmental for \$1,435. Ms. Weissman 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

- Mr. Clapp noted that these kiosks are prime locations for the posting of rules for Conservation areas. However, there do not appear to be codified rules other than those for camping. He suggested developing such rules to avoid conflicting information.
- Mr. Clapp noted that Ms. Pilch had discovered recently chopped firewood stacked for use on the Brentwood Conservation Land. Mr. Clapp had scattered the wood as a deterrent, but she noted that days later the wood was replaced.
- Several Commissioners suggested that valuable information to be posted in this kiosks could be descriptions of the properties and points of information on each, in addition to rules and regulations for the land use. Contact information would also be important.
- Mr. Bajdek noted that with applications slowing down, this is a good opportunity to work on the finalization of the Article XXX regulations. Mr. Clapp will confer with Ms. Greendale to see if there is a more efficient, Open Meeting Law-compliant method to review the second draft than the first draft.
- Mr. Bajdek inquired as to the status of the dams. Mr. Clapp noted that Houghton's Pond Dam was relatively in compliance, with an Emergency Action Plan put in place in 2019. He, the Town Administrator, and the Sustainability Coordinator are working on bringing the other two dams on Factory Pond and Lake Winthrop into compliance.

- Dr. Rutberg inquired as to the status on possible encroachments into the Open Space off of Fieldstone Drive. Mr. Clapp has reviewed with Ms. Sherman, and the approved plans show pavement extending very close to the trails, approximately 10' off. Therefore, there does not appear to be an encroachment by the subdivision.

Public Hearings/Public Meetings

Request for Determination of Applicability for #D-683: #25 Bald Hill Road (Assessors Map 11-2-121) for proposed irrigation well – *CIVILized Solutions*, representing *Jack Harper*

Documents: WPA Form 1; Plan of Land entitled "Application for Irrigation Well, 25 Bald Hill Road, Holliston, Massachusetts," dated 9/21/2020 (rev. 11/17/2020)

- Mr. Paul Saulnier presented project revisions to the Commission. He noted at the previous meeting, the well was located approximately 10' from the wetlands, and therefore there were questions as to if it could cause drawdown in the wetlands. Mr. Saulnier has contacted two consultants who confirmed that impacts are possible if the fractures in the rock are vertical as opposed to horizontal, but without drilling there is no way to know how they lie. Instead, Mr. Saulnier now proposes installation of the well on #75 Bald Hill Road through an easement. The well is now 55' away from the wetlands and outside the 100' septic buffer zone.
- Ms. Weissman expressed appreciation for the lengths Mr. Saulnier has gone to in order to accommodate the Commission's questions and concerns. She inquired if disturbance would largely relate only to machinery operations. Mr. Saulnier confirmed that is the case, with a total disturbance of approximately 600 square feet.
- Mr. Nickel noted that if the property owner at #75 Bald Hill Road were to use the well, tying in would likely require the filing of an additional Request for Determination of Applicability.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to issue a Negative #3 Determination for #D-683: #25 Bald Hill Road. Dr. Rutberg 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

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 12/8/2020. 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 Ms. Hastings has requested a continuance to the meeting on 1/5/2021.

Dr. Rutberg made a motion to continue the public hearing for DEP #185-866: #1569 Washington Street until 1/5/2021. Ms. Weissman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Notice of Intent for DEP #185-893: #106 Donna Road (Assessors Map 9-5-27) for proposed replacement septic system – *CIVILized Solutions*, representing *Larry Hines*

Documents: WPA Form 3; Plan of Land entitled “Septic System Construction, 106 Donna Road, Holliston,” dated 10/30/20

- Mr. Clapp read the legal advertisement into the record.
- Ms. Karon Skinner-Catrone presented the project to the Commission. She noted that this septic system was in need of emergency repair, so the Commission had let the project proceed pursuant to discussion during the meeting on 11/10/2020. The septic system serving #106 Donna Road is failing, and the only location for the replacement system is within the 05’ No Disturbance Buffer Zone. She noted that the Commission had requested the silt fence be relocated to avoid the removal of two trees, but upon conferring with CIVILized Solutions, it was confirmed that the root systems could compromise the septic system and the septic system itself could damage the tree roots. Therefore, the trees must be removed.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to close the public hearing for DEP #185-893: #106 Donna Road. Mr. Nickel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Ms. Pilch made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions for DEP #185-893: #106 Donna Road. Mr. Nickel 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

Ms. Weissman made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 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*****