

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Via Remote Participation

March 22, 2022

7:30 PM

Present: Christopher Bajdek, Chair; Rebecca Weissman, Vice Chair; Eilish Corey, Ann Marie Pilch, Allen Rutberg, Commissioners; Richard Shansky, Alternate Commissioner

Ryan Clapp, Conservation Agent

Absent: Utah Nickel, Commissioner

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

C. Bajdek read the following into the record:

Pursuant to the Governor's June 16, 2021 Act relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c 30A paragraph 20, 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 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.

R. Weissman:	Present
E. Corey:	Present
U. Nickel:	Absent
A. Pilch:	Present
A. Rutberg:	Present
R. Shansky:	Present
C. Bajdek:	Present

General Business

Review/Approve Minutes of 3/8/2022

- Several Commissioners noted a missing heading for the discussion regarding the use of dogs for geese management at Weston Pond.

R. Weissman made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/8/2022 as corrected. A. Pilch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

R. Weissman:	Aye
E. Corey:	Aye
A. Pilch:	Aye
A. Rutberg:	Aye

R. Shansky: Aye
C. Bajdek: Aye

Vote to authorize Christopher Bajdek to sign all documents issued by the Holliston Conservation Commission on 3/22/2022

A. Pilch made a motion to authorize Christopher Bajdek to sign all documents issued by the Holliston Conservation Commission on 3/22/2022. A. Rutberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

R. Weissman: Aye
E. Corey: Aye
A. Pilch: Aye
A. Rutberg: Aye
R. Shansky: Aye
C. Bajdek: Aye

Issue Order of Conditions: DEP #185-912: "0" Norfolk Street

- R. Clapp presented a draft Order of Conditions to the Commission. Specific conditions were noted as they related to the wetland crossing and replication area.

A. Pilch made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions for DEP #185-912: "0" Norfolk Street. R. Weissman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

R. Weissman: Aye
E. Corey: Aye
A. Pilch: Aye
A. Rutberg: Aye
R. Shansky: Aye
C. Bajdek: Aye

Request for a Certificate of Compliance: DEP #185-890: #61 Dodd Drive

- R. Clapp noted that this project was recently in front of the Commission, requesting a Certificate of Compliance. However, at the time the wetland bounds were improperly installed. The bounds have since been corrected.

R. Weissman made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance for DEP #185-890: #61 Dodd Drive. A. Rutberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

R. Weissman: Aye
E. Corey: Aye
A. Pilch: Aye
A. Rutberg: Aye

R. Shansky: Aye
C. Bajdek: Aye

Tree Removal Request: #75 Oak Street

- R. Clapp noted that this tree removal request was for two large dead oak trees. These trees overhang the power lines that run along the driveway to #75 Oak Street and have been dropping limbs, posing a significant hazard. The trees in question are approximately 75' from a potential vernal pool, and the applicant proposes to replant with 6 flowering dogwoods.
- A. Pilch supported the replanting with dogwood, but cautioned that it must be of a native variety. Kousa dogwood is commonly sold by nurseries, but is an Asian variety.
- The Commission approved the removal of the trees in question.

Review Correspondence

- R. Clapp noted that Town Counsel should complete review of the Article XXXI regulations soon.
- R. Clapp noted that he has received the Baseline Documentation Report for the Community Farm on Rogers Street from Lucas Environmental.
- R. Clapp reported that he had received correspondence from the Marshall Street solar project. The site developer noted a half-acre area in the buffer zone overrun with mugwort, and requested approval to remove it. R. Clapp directed him to attend a Conservation Commission meeting, but has not heard anything further.
- C. Bajdek noted litter and debris has drifted from the Fieldstone Drive subdivision into the adjacent Conservation Land. R. Clapp will contact the builder to address the issue.
- E. Corey noted she observed seven mute swans on Lake Winthrop. She is interested in what interactions there may be between the swans and geese in the lake.

Public Hearings/Public Meetings

Notice of Intent for DEP #185-XXX: #58 Maple Dell Lane (Assessors Map 9-5-67) for proposed replacement septic system – *McIntyre Engineering & Septic Services*, representing *Doug Pacheco*

Documents: WPA Form 3; Plan of Land entitled "Septic System Design Plan, 58 Maple Dell Lane" dated 2/24/22 (rev. 3/21/22); Plans entitled "Retaining Wall Details, 58 Maple Dell Lane" dated 3/21/22

- R. Clapp read the legal advertisement into the record.
- Dan McIntyre presented the project to the Commission. The homeowner purchased the property earlier this year with a failed septic system that needs to be replaced. The existing system is located behind the house, approximately 40-45' from the wetlands. The new system is further from the wetlands, outside the 50' No Disturbance Zone. The applicant also proposed a retaining wall along the back property line to address concerns from an abutter regarding increased runoff to the property. The wall will also serve as a deterrent, allowing the existing lawned area to renaturalize.

- C. Bajdek inquired if there were any trees to be removed. D. McIntyre noted there would not be.
- C. Bajdek inquired where stockpiling will be located. D. McIntyre noted any stockpiling would be in the front yard, protected by erosion controls. Excavated material will also be used as fill from grading onsite.
- A. Pilch noted that on the edge of lawn area beyond the wall is invasive vegetation. D. McIntyre noted that all invasives on #58 Maple Dell Lane will be removed, but will not encroach on the abutter's property.
- R. Clapp noted that DEP has not yet provided comments or a file number for this project.

A. Pilch made a motion to continue the public hearing for DEP #185-XXX: #58 Maple Dell Lane until the next meeting on 4/5/2022 A. Rutberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

R. Weissman:	Aye
E. Corey:	Aye
A. Pilch:	Aye
A. Rutberg:	Aye
R. Shansky:	Aye
C. Bajdek:	Aye

Notice of Intent for DEP #185-XXX: #243 Willow Gate Rise (Assessors Map 9-6-55) for proposed pool and shed – *Colonial Engineering*, representing *Sean & Belinda Hanlon*

Documents: WPA Form 3; Plan of Land entitled "Proposed Pool & Shed Plan of Land in Holliston, MA" dated 2/22/22

- R. Clapp read the legal advertisement into the record.
- Neither the applicant, nor representative was present for this project. No discussion was held.

A. Pilch made a motion to continue the public hearing for DEP #185-XXX: #243 Willow Gate Rise until the next meeting on 4/5/2022. R. Weissman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

R. Weissman:	Aye
E. Corey:	Aye
A. Pilch:	Aye
A. Rutberg:	Aye
R. Shansky:	Aye
C. Bajdek:	Aye

A. Pilch made a motion to adjourn at 8:21 PM. A. Rutberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

R. Weissman:	Aye
E. Corey:	Aye
A. Pilch:	Aye
A. Rutberg:	Aye
R. Shansky:	Aye

C. Bajdek: Aye

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