

**APPROVED Meeting Minutes**

Via Remote Participation

April 5, 2022

7:30 PM

Present: Christopher Bajdek, Chair; Eilish Corey, Utah Nickel, Ann Marie Pilch, Allen Rutberg, Commissioners; Richard Shansky, Alternate Commissioner

Ryan Clapp, Conservation Agent

Absent: Rebecca Weissman, Vice Chair

**Christopher Bajdek, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:32 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:	Absent
E. Corey:	Present
U. Nickel:	Present
A. Pilch:	Present
A. Rutberg:	Present
R. Shansky:	Present
C. Bajdek:	Present

**General Business**

**Review/Approve Minutes of 3/22/2022**

**A. Pilch made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/22/2022. A. Rutberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.**

E. Corey:	Aye
U. Nickel:	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 4/5/2022**

**U. Nickel made a motion to authorize Christopher Bajdek to sign all documents issued by the Holliston Conservation Commission on 4/5/2022. A. Pilch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.**

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

**Enforcement: #1556 Washington Street (rear of Village Plaza)**

- R. Clapp gave an overview of the issue being presented. On 3/31/2022, M. Kaferlein, Building Inspector, notified R. Clapp of a vehicle maintenance operation occurring in the rear of #1556 Washington Street. Onsite, oil and chemical spills were observed in the buffer zone, as well as extending of the parking lot. R. Clapp has spoken to the responsible party, who has since removed the vehicles and some debris, and was present this evening for discussion.
- Jonathan Bruce introduced himself as the manager of the property since 2015. Originally, the operations were occurring in the front of the building, and agrees when the operation was moved in the rear, a mess was made. He noted that the parking lot expansion was due to damage from snow plowing. He would like to clean the perimeter up and grade it back to the original condition. He suggested stabilizing with wood chips.
- C. Bajdek inquired if there were spill kits onsite. J. Bruce noted there were, but the operation would not be continuing at this location and removal is permanent.
- A. Pilch inquired where the debris from the parking lot was located. R. Clapp noted it was approximately 10-15' in from the tree line. E. Corey expressed concern for long-term operations and future snow removal issues. J. Bruce noted with the use change, there is no need for future snow removal operations of this type.
- A. Pilch suggested putting up signage indicating wetland buffer zones. J. Bruce was agreeable to this suggestion.
- R. Clapp inquired regarding actions to take regarding soil contamination. He noted when visiting the site on 4/1/2022, there was little evidence of oil or chemicals as opposed to the previous day. R. Clapp suggested reaching out to the Fire Chief. J. Bruce will contact M. Cassidy to set up a meeting that R. Clapp will attend onsite.

**Review Correspondence**

- A. Pilch inquired as to the status of the open seat on the Conservation Commission. R. Clapp noted there have been no applicants thus far.
- R. Clapp noted that the Article XXXI Regulations should be provided by Town Counsel by the end of the week.
- R. Clapp noted that he has received the Baseline Documentation Report for the Community Farm Conservation Restriction.

- A. Pilch noted that there is a heron rookery near the Marshall Street solar project near Great Meadow Drive if anyone was interested.

### **Public Hearings/Public Meetings**

**Notice of Intent for DEP #185-918: #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 noted that the only outstanding item was the DEP file number, which has since been provided with no comments.
- D. McIntyre noted the Board of Health approved the plans earlier this evening.

**A. Pilch made a motion to close the public hearing for DEP #185-918: #58 Maple Dell Lane. A. Rutberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.**

E. Corey:	Aye
U. Nickel:	Abstain
A. Pilch:	Aye
A. Rutberg:	Aye
R. Shansky:	Aye
C. Bajdek:	Aye

**A. Pilch made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions for DEP #185-918: #58 Maple Dell Lane. A. Rutberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.**

E. Corey:	Aye
U. Nickel:	Abstain
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

- Paul DeSimone presented the project to the Commission. The project involves the installation of a pool in the rear of the house. At the end of the driveway, a retaining wall will be installed with a slight slope to the pool, then another retaining wall on the other side of the pool. All work proposed is within existing lawned area.
- R. Clapp noted that he had met with A. Pilch and P. DeSimone onsite to evaluate the adjacent potential vernal pool. He noted that a wood frog egg mass was observed, but agrees with P.

DeSimone's assessment that migration would likely be to the west, not to the east where the road is. A. Pilch does not necessarily agree, as on the other side of the subdivision is also a wooded area with Conservation Land. She believes the pool to be a vernal pool under the bylaw, which creates a 100' no disturbance zone. She is concerned that construction of the pool and retaining walls would impede migratory pathways and that amphibians may be trapped in the pool. P. DeSimone noted that both sides of the house will have access down to the vernal pool, so pathways are not entirely cut off. R. Clapp noted that the bylaw has provisions to reduce the 100' no disturbance zone to a "regular" buffer zone subject to the results of a habitat evaluation. P. DeSimone will work with Karon Skinner-Catrone on such an evaluation.

- E. Corey inquired if the pool would be freshwater or saltwater. P. DeSimone noted it would be saltwater and would not need to be drained except in emergency situations.

**A. Rutberg made a motion to continue the public hearing for DEP #185-XXX: #243 Willow Gate Rise until the next meeting on 4/19/2022. A. Pilch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.**

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

**A. Pilch made a motion to adjourn at 8:54 PM. A. Rutberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.**

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

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