

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Via Remote Participation

August 18, 2022

7:30 PM

Present: Ann Marie Pilch, Chair; Allen Rutberg, Vice Chair; Eilish Corey, Utah Nickel, Jacquelyn Valsamis, Commissioners; Richard Shansky, Alternate Commissioner

Ryan Clapp, Conservation Agent

Absent: Rebecca Weissman, Commissioner

Ann Marie Pilch, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

A. Pilch 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.

A. Rutberg:	Present
E. Corey:	Present
U. Nickel:	Present
J. Valsamis:	Present
R. Weissman:	Absent
R. Shansky:	Present
A. Pilch:	Present

General Business

Septic System Replacement at #85 Central Street (Assessors Map 8.F-2-12)

- R. Clapp provided background on this project. The Board of Health had approved this septic system and construction was underway before R. Clapp was aware of the project, as it is within 200 feet of the banks of the Winthrop Canal, a perennial stream. Work has ceased until a Request for Determination of Applicability is filed, but the parking lot has been torn up and is unusable until the work finishes, leaving the business in a difficult position. The business has requested this meeting to review the project and is requesting an informal approval to allow the project to continue.
- Eric Dickinson noted that the septic system is failing, and the closest point of work is approximately 140' from the edge of the banks. He noted that the area between the limit of work and canal is developed and is largely paved, and does not believe that there will be erosion from the site.

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Drafted for the Commission by: Ryan Clapp

Approved by the Commission: 9-27-22

- Discussion ensued regarding erosion control measures. E. Corey requested erosion controls be placed along the back side of the property along Union Street, as there is a retaining wall there and materials could spill into the road and then into the wetlands. E. Dickinson agreed to this request.
- E. Dickinson noted that a Request for Determination of Applicability had been submitted, and will be on the agenda for 8/30/2022.

A. Rutberg made a motion to allow the project at #85 Central Street to proceed. U. Nickel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

A. Rutberg:	Aye
E. Corey:	Aye
U. Nickel:	Aye
J. Valsamis:	Aye
R. Shansky:	Aye
A. Pilch:	Aye

A. Rutberg made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 PM. U. Nickel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

A. Rutberg:	Aye
E. Corey:	Aye
U. Nickel:	Aye
J. Valsamis:	Aye
R. Shansky:	Aye
A. Pilch:	Aye

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