

Holliston Conservation Commission

Approved Meeting Minutes

Town Hall . Meeting Room #014

November 4, 2014

8:00 PM

Present: Allen Rutberg, Chair; Ann Marie Pilch, Vice-Chair, Chris Bajdek, David Schroder, Rebecca Weissman, Commissioners

Charles Katuska, Conservation Agent

Absent: Shaw Lively, Jim McGrath, Commissioners
Sheri O'Brien, Conservation Assistant

Allen Rutberg, Chair, opened the meeting at 8:00 PM.

General Business

Discussion with Holliston's new DPW Director Sean Reese:

- Quick update on Weston Pond's dam repair
- Reviews re-organization at Water Department and new culture and new staffing
- Supports open space in Zone II
- Water supply (WQ) is critical, %conserve yet sell it+
- Fix existing systems and staffing, then move on to new/old problems
 - New treatment plant, Well 5, Central Street. Area of town with increasing water quality issues; iron & manganese concentrations have been rising
- Possibly work together on beaver control
 - Threat to public water supply, Giardia
- Notes new/soon EPA Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan required limits
- Best when all Town Departments work together

Potential Associate Commissioner Candidate:

Emily Kingston, of 110 Meadowbrook Lane, is interested in serving the Conservation Commission as an Associate Commissioner. The Commission discussed the role, noting opportunity to support activities in open space, wetland science and conservation policy. Ms. Kingston, a recent Master of Science degree recipient, has many environmental interests including rare species and vernal pools.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to appoint Emily Kingston as an Associate Conservation Commissioner. Mr. Bajdek seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. (7-0-0)

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Request for Certificate of Compliance for DEP File #185-718: Rocky Woods Trail Roadway – R. Nation/South Mill Street LLC

Upon review, Ms. Weissman made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance for DEP File #185-718: Rocky Woods Trail Roadway, as drafted. Mr. Schroder seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. (7-0-0)

Re-Sign Order of Conditions for DEP File # 185-666: 944 Washington Street, John Curran.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to Re-Sign the Order of Conditions issued for DEP File # 185-666: 944 Washington Street, as drafted. Mr. Bajdek seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. (7-0-0). Order signed.

Ratify Emergency Certificate: Breaching of Beaver Dam on Hopping Brook just Upstream from Rail Trail Bridge – Central Mass Mosquito Control Program

Ratify Emergency Certificate: Breaching of Beaver Dam on Chicken Brook in Wenakeening Woods – Central Mass Mosquito Control Program

Upon review of conditions included, Ms. Pilch made a motion to ratify the 2 Emergency Certificates for Breaching of Beaver Dams: Hopping Brook just Upstream from Rail Trail Bridge and Chicken Brook in Wenakeening Woods. Mr. Bajdek seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. (7-0-0) EC's signed by the Commissioners.

Bylaw (Article XXX) Town Meeting Recap

- New Bylaw passed at Town Meeting!
- Bylaw regulations rewrite next

Public Meetings & Hearings

Continued Public Hearing – Notice of Intent for DEP File #185-782: Lot 75A Old Cart Path (Assessors Map 14, Block 5, Portions of Lots 5.1, 5.2 & 5.3) proposed grading, site work, utilities, and driveway installation associated with the construction of a single family house .
Peter Lavoie representing *Constitution Village LLC*.

Continued Public Hearing – Notice of Intent for DEP File #185-783: Lot 76A Old Cart Path (Assessors Map 14, Block 5, Portions of Lots 5.1, 5.2 & 5.3) proposed grading, site work, utilities, and driveway installation associated with the construction of a single family house .
Peter Lavoie representing *Constitution Village LLC*.

Peter Lavoie, Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., presented for Constitution Village LLC. Reviews revised plans.

- New wetlands isolated . non-jurisdictional. But added 45qbuffer to new wetlands. Added more galleys to infiltrate rooftop runoff
- Lots of new erosion control
 - Grassed swale, settling pond
- Stockpile now outside of buffer zone
 - Access to stockpile shown
 - Stockpile area to be restored (loam & seed) after use
- Increased vegetated buffer strip to existing homes
- Wetland bounds (W.O.S. markers) along limit of 50qNE . all on Lot 75
- Erosion control will have to be a focus during construction
- House size reduced

No questions from audience.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to close the Public Hearings for Notice of Intent for DEP File #185-782: Lot 75A Old Cart Path and Notice of Intent for DEP File #185-783: Lot 76A Old Cart Path. Mr. Schroder seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. (7-0-0)

Continued Public Hearing – Amendment to Order of Conditions for DEP File #185-677: 1014 Highland Street (Assessors Map 8.E, Block 1, Lot 8) proposal to revise the boundaries of the areas onsite subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Holliston Wetland Bylaw (Article XXX) . *Christopher Malcolm, Esq.* representing *Alan Stone*
Continuation to December 9, 2014 requested by the Applicant.

Ms. Weissman made a motion to continue the hearing for DEP File #185-677: 1014 Highland Street December 9, 2014. Ms. Pilch seconded the motion. Unanimous. (7-0-0)

Continued Public Hearing – Notice of Intent for DEP File #185-781: Hopping Brook Road Extension (Assessors Map 1, Block 1, Lot 43 and Map 4 , Block 6, Lots 15.1, 18, 32, 32.3, 33, and 52) proposed extension of the existing commercial roadway . *Brian Butler/Oxbow Associates, Inc.* representing *Jon Deli-Priscolli/New Hopping Brook Trust.*
Continuation to November 18, 2014 requested by the Applicant.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to continue the hearing for DEP File #185-781: Hopping Brook Road Extension to November 18, 2014. Ms. Weissman seconded the motion. Unanimous. (7-0-0)

New Public Meeting – Request for Determination of Applicability D-531: 286 Washington Street (Assessors Map 11G, Block 6, Lot 19) construction of an addition - *Matthew and Ann Marie Ringie*

Matthew Ringie, owner, presented. The proposed house addition is on piers. One pier is within 95qpf the bordering vegetated wetlands.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability #3 for D-531: 286 Washington Street. Ms. Weissman seconded the motion. Unanimous. (7-0-0)

New Public Meeting – Request for Determination of Applicability D-530: Rail Trail Restoration from Cross Street to Hopping Brook Road (Assessors Maps 4 and 5, labeled as Map 1, Block 1, Lot 50.2 – the portion located between Cross Street and Hopping Brook Rd.) *Matthew Varrell* representing *Holliston Trails Committee* reviewed

proposed actions includes the grading of the former rail bed along with the placement and compaction of reprocessed bituminous concrete and stone dust on the rail bed between Cross Street and Hopping Brook Road; wood decking with guard rails on top of a concrete/granite bridge (over an old roadway); and the placement of a water flow control device within a beaver dam upstream of a rail trail bridge over Hopping Brook,

- Mr. Varrell notes change to trail at Hopping Brook Road
- Bridge to be decked is behind 56 Summer St in northeastern section of project area (not Griffin Electric cattle pass)
- Water level control structure will be Central MA Mosquito Control Program + Conservation Commission, not Trail Committee. No sketch plan from Mike Callahan (reviewed Beaver Solution letter)

Mr. Schroder asked what is the grade, change in elevation. Robert Weidknecht, of Beals and Thomas, answered 3+ to 6+, with a maximum of 9+.

Mr. Bajdek asked if this is the stretch of the Rail Trail that was just voted to buy at Town Meeting. Mr. Weidknecht said yes; that they can spend federal monies until the Town owns the trail. The new CSX manager says that should be done by spring 2015.

Mr. Katuska asked for planting charrette.

Mr. Bajdek had questions on erosion control.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability #3 for D-530: Rail Trail Restoration from Cross Street to Hopping Brook Road. Ms. Weissman seconded the motion. Unanimous. (7-0-0)

New Public Meeting – Request for Determination of Applicability D-529. 41 Northway Street. (Assessors Map 9, Block 2, Lot 48). *Joyce Hastings, GLM Engineering Consultants, Inc.* representing *Michael Ferguson*

Joyce Hastings, GLM Engineering presents the project:

- New pump chamber
- New leach field outside 100' buffer zone
- Erosion control downslope
- No tree removal within 100' buffer zone
- No stockpile within 100' buffer zone
- Access from street as shown
- All to be loamed and seeded

Mr. Bajdek had a question about the erosion control barrier through the woods. Ms. Hastings said yes, but no tree removal.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability #3 for D-529. 41 Northway Street. (Assessors Map 9, Block 2, Lot 48). Mr. Schroder seconded the motion. Unanimous. (7-0-0)

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New Public Hearing – Notice of Intent for DEP File # 185-785: 58 Hopping Brook Road (Assessors Map 4, Block 6, Lot 10, 12.1 & 35.1), Solect solar project driveway & commercial building, *Robert Truax, GLM Engineering Consultants, Inc.* representing *Ken Driscoll, 2016 Washington Street LLC.*

Eric Dickinson, GLM Engineering, reviewed the project and drainage very briefly.

Mr. Katuska requested a 3rd party peer review of the drainage.

Mr. Katuska reviewed earlier questions on:

1. Get water to wetlands
2. Protect forested habitat
3. Divert runoff from gravel lot

Mr. Bajdek made a motion to continue the hearing for DEP File #185-785: 58 Hopping Brook Road (Assessors Map 4, Block 6, Lot 10, 12.1 & 35.1) to November 18, 2014 for peer review. Mr. Schroder seconded the motion. Unanimous. (7-0-0)

General Business, Continued

Article on Bylaw:

Ms. Weissman suggests Article on Bylaw for web page and/or Holliston Reporter.

Thanks Town for passing Bylaw, providing continuity for resource protection

Rogers Road:

Brian Clancy, Holliston Housing Trust, approached Ms. Pilch.

- She was informed that if the Trust is granted control over the existing house at 34 Rogers Road, they would rehabilitate it.
- Ms. Pilch believes this action may not be included in the Town Meeting vote to purchase the properties.
- Ms. Weissman suggests that, if this happens, then the presentation at Town Meeting could be considered a misrepresentation.
- Mr. Bajdek said the Community Preservation Committee has had some discussion of the question, but no formal action taken.
- Conservation Commission discussed informally

At 9:45 PM, Mr. Schroder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Lively seconded the motion. Unanimous. (7-0-0)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 7:30 PM; Lower Level Meeting Room #014

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