

Holliston Conservation Commission

DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Town Hall . Meeting Room #014

July 26, 2016
7:30 PM

Present: Allen Rutberg, Chair; Ann Marie Pilch, Vice-Chair; Emily Kingston, Rebecca Weissman, Commissioners; Charles Katuska, Conservation Agent
Sheri O'Brien, Conservation Assistant

Absent: Shaw Lively, Chris Bajdek, Commissioners

Dr. Rutberg, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:33 PM

General Business

Request for Certificate of Compliance for DEP 185-788: 19 Minuteman Circle (Lot 70) - Toll Brothers

The Agent inspected the site today, and it is not completely stable yet. The grass still needs to grow in so that it can be mowed twice; therefore, a Partial Certificate of Compliance will be issued.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to issue a Partial Certificate of Compliance for DEP 185-788: 19 Minuteman Circle (Lot 70). Ms. Kingston seconded the motion. Unanimous. (4-0-0)

Request for Certificate of Compliance for DEP 185-801: 14 Deer Run Road (Lot 15) - Alison Beard

The Agent inspected the site today, and found it completely stabilized. The erosion control can now be removed.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to issue a full Certificate of Compliance for DEP File No.185-801: 14 Deer Run Road (Lot 15). Ms. Weissman seconded the motion. Unanimous. (4-0-0)

Notice of Violation for DEP File No. 185-725: 36 Kingsbury Drive (Lot 28R) - J. Gerber

- Mr. Gerber was present to offer alternatives to correct the violation.
- The Commission explained how important the vernal pool buffer zone is to the cycle of life for the species here.
- After discussions with his attorney, the attorney suggested that Mr. Gerber deed about 5,000 to 7,000 sq.ft. of non-jurisdictional area to the Commission in exchange for about 1,000 sq.ft. of the fenced-in vernal pool buffer zone area.
- The fence has a 4+to 6+gap at the bottom so that there would be the opportunity for wildlife movement.
- A minimum of 6 Open Space concrete marker bounds (with up to 10 markers) will be placed along the line+to the deeded area.

- Deed Restriction language will be provided to Mr. Gerber at the next meeting.
- Mr. Gerber will be on vacation during the August 9th Commission meeting; therefore, he asked that this conversation be continued on August 23, 2016 if there are further questions.

Discussion: Pulte New England's Washington Hills (Holliston Woods) & Brooksmont Conservation Restrictions

- The Agent informed the Commission that he will notify Mr. Mastroianni that the Brooksmont status is still unresolved.

Vote on Draft Meeting Minutes:

- **7/12/16**
Ms. Pilch made a motion to approve the minutes as edited for the July 12, 2016 meeting. Ms. Weissman seconded the motion. The motion passed. (4-0-0)
- **2012 Minutes - 7/10/12, 7/24/12, 8/7/12, 9/4/12, 9/18/12, 10/2/12**
The Commission agreed to issue these 2012 minutes ~~as~~ is+to the Town Clerk.

Letter of Appreciation

The Commission signed a letter of appreciation for Dave Schroder for his volunteer service as a Commissioner for 3 years.

Review Correspondence

- The Commission signed an invoice for \$541 for FY 17 MACC dues.
- Mass Wildlife and Northern Woodlands magazines were received.

Public Meetings and Hearings

Continued Public Meeting - Request for Determination of Applicability for #D-568: 112 Lake Shore Drive (Assessors Map 5A, Block 1, Lot 244) proposed landscaping - Adalton Sales/Dalto Construction, Inc.

Mr. Sales has installed 2 open space markers in response to the Violation letter issued a couple months ago. These markers were inspected by the Agent and found to be satisfactory.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to issue the following Determinations for RFD #D-568: 112 Lake Shore Drive:

Positive #2B Determination: the boundaries of the wetland resource areas are NOT confirmed as accurate;

Positive #5 Determination: the work is subject to review by the Holliston Conservation Commission pursuant to the Holliston Wetlands Administration ByLaw (Article XXX); and

Negative #3 Determination: the work is within the Buffer Zone, but will not alter an Area subject to protection under the Act, therefore, the work does not require a Notice of Intent (with 4 conditions).

Ms. Kingston seconded the motion. Unanimous. (4-0-0)

Continued Public Meeting - Request for Determination of Applicability for #D-571: 44 Exchange Street (Assessors Map 8F, Block 2, Lot 29) proposed replacement septic system - Paul Saulnier/CIVILized Solutions representing John Gagnon Home Improvements

Present for the applicant: Paul Saulnier, CIVILized Solutions

- At the last meeting, it was noted by the Commission that the flood plain wasn't shown on the plan.
- Ms. Hastings from GLM had surveyed the flood plain area here recently and was able to share this information with Mr. Saulnier for the plan.
- Only 170 cubic yards will be in the flood plain because this septic system is an alternative GeoFlow system. If it was a traditional septic system, 350 cu.yds. would be filling the flood plain area.
- Although there will be a slight filling of the flood plain, the Commission agreed that this replacement system will greatly enhance the environment.
- There will be no stockpiling on site.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to issue the following Determinations for RFD #D-571: 44 Exchange Street:

Positive #2A Determination: the boundaries of *the flood plain areas* are confirmed as accurate;

Positive #2B Determination: the boundaries of *the bank and bordering vegetated wetland areas* are NOT confirmed as accurate;

Positive #5 Determination: the work is subject to review by the Holliston Conservation Commission pursuant to the Holliston Wetlands Administration ByLaw (Article XXX); and

Negative #3 Determination: the work is within the Buffer Zone, but will not alter an Area subject to protection under the Act, therefore, the work does not require a Notice of Intent (with 5 conditions).

Ms. Kingston seconded the motion. Unanimous. (4-0-0)

Continued Public Meeting - Request for Determination of Applicability for #D-572: 56 Paul Road (Assessors Map 4, Block 4, Lot 12) proposed replacement septic system - Paul Saulnier/CIVILized Solutions representing Steven Rogers

Present for the applicant: Paul Saulnier, CIVILized Solutions

- Mr. Saulnier explained that in reality the flood plain matches the wetlands line.
- Ms. Hastings was also present and explained that GLM Engineering has done a couple of Letter of Map Amendments (LOMAs) with FEMA showing that the flood plain matches the wetlands line and does not extend into the front yard. Therefore, there will not be any filling of the flood plain with the installation of the leaching field.

Ms. Kingston made a motion to issue the following Determinations for RFD #D-572: 56 Paul Road:

Positive #2A Determination: the boundaries of the wetland resource areas are confirmed as accurate;

Positive #5 Determination: the work is subject to review by the Holliston Conservation Commission pursuant to the Holliston Wetlands Administration ByLaw (Article XXX); and

Negative #3 Determination: the work is within the Buffer Zone, but will not alter an Area subject to protection under the Act, therefore, the work does not require a Notice of Intent (with 5 conditions).

Ms. Weissman seconded the motion. Unanimous. (4-0-0)

****New Public Meeting - Request for Determination of Applicability for #D-574: 133**

Westfield Drive (Assessors Map 11, Block 8, Lot 166) proposed replacement septic system - *Joyce Hastings/GLM Engineering* representing *Richard Thurston*

Mr. Katuska read the legal notice re-advertising this public meeting in the *MetroWest Daily News* on July 19, 2016.

Present for the applicant: J. Hastings, GLM

- Ms. Hastings presented a plan dated June 15, 2016.
- Stockpile area is next to the driveway in the front yard.
- Project access will be from the street into the front yard.
- Existing tank will be pumped, clean, crushed, filled with gravel and abandoned per Title 5 requirements.
- Ms. Hastings agreed to extend the erosion controls to the street because there is a wet depression downgradient from a catch basin on the street.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to issue the following Determinations for RFD for #D-574: 133 Westfield Drive:

Positive #2A Determination: the boundaries of the wetland resource areas are confirmed as accurate;

Positive #5 Determination: the work is subject to review by the Holliston Conservation Commission pursuant to the Holliston Wetlands Administration ByLaw (Article XXX); and

Negative #3 Determination: the work is within the Buffer Zone, but will not alter an Area subject to protection under the Act, therefore, the work does not require a Notice of Intent (with 5 conditions).

Ms. Weissman seconded the motion. Unanimous. (4-0-0)

****New Public Meeting - Request for Determination of Applicability for #D-575: 121 & 129**

Mechanic Street (Assessors Map 8E, Block 4, Lots 24 & 25) proposed replacement septic system - *Karon Skinner Catrone* representing *Irene Sutherland*

Mr. Katuska read the legal notice advertised in the *MetroWest Daily News* on July 19, 2016.

Present for the applicant: Karon Skinner Catrone, Consultant

- Ms. Catrone presented a plan dated May 11, 2016.
- The two homes will each have a leaching field.
- The project is within the flood plain; however, the system will be in the same location as the failed system and the system will be an enhancement.
- Under the Wetlands Protection Act, repair to septic systems within the flood plain that has been approved by the Board of Health are exempt from regulations.
- The project is outside the Natural Heritage Endangered Species area on the property.
- There will be a temporary stockpile area.
- The plan has not been stamped and signed.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to issue the following Determinations for RFD #D-575: 121 & 129 Mechanic Street:

Positive #2B Determination: the boundaries of the wetland resource areas are NOT confirmed as accurate;

Positive #5 Determination: the work is subject to review by the Holliston Conservation Commission pursuant to the Holliston Wetlands Administration ByLaw (Article XXX); and

Negative #2 Determination:

Negative #3 Determination: the work is within the Buffer Zone, but will not alter an Area subject to protection under the Act, therefore, the work does not require a Notice of Intent (with 5 conditions).

Ms. Kingston seconded the motion. Unanimous. (4-0-0)

The following two Public Meetings were considered simultaneously:

****New Public Meeting - Request for Determination of Applicability for #D-576: 194**

Lowland Street (Assessors Map 9, Block 2, Lots 57.1) proposed removal of compost and earth products - *George F. Connors, Esq.* representing *Michael Brumber*

****New Public Meeting - Request for Determination of Applicability for #D-577: 194**

Lowland Street (Assessors Map 9, Block 2, Lots 57.1) proposed removal of recycled asphalt materials - *George F. Connors, Esq.* representing *Michael Brumber*

Mr. Katuska read the two legal notices advertised in the *MetroWest Daily News* on July 19, 2016.

Present for the applicant: George Connors, Esq.

- Mr. Connors presented a preliminary plan dated July 7, 2015.
- This site has historically been a gravel pit for many years.
- Mixed fill will be screened and combined with compost using a backhoe prior to removal from the site.
- An area of mixed fill within the 100-foot buffer zone will be removed and relocated outside the 100-foot buffer zone.

- Large boulders will be placed along the 200qriver front area line to prevent potential intrusions into the river front area.
- Approximately 10,000 cu.yds. of materials per month will be removed from the site starting in March to April 2017.
- It is estimated that it will take 5 to 6 months to complete the mixing and removal.
- The gravel floor at the site will be filled back in after the earth material and compost removal.
- The large stockpile in the middle of the site will remain.
- The Planning Board will be reviewing Mr. Brumberg's application in September 2016.
- The Stormwater Management Plan still needs to be submitted to the NPDES.
- The Commission asked that the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan be submitted to the office prior to recommendation for approval.
- Erosion control information will be provided at that time.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to continue the meeting for #D-576 and #D-577 for 194 Lowland Street to August 9, 2016. Ms. Weissman seconded the motion. Unanimous. (4-0-0)

General Business Continued

Discuss Conservation Commissioner Opening with Jennifer Buttaro

- Ms. Buttaro introduced herself to the Commission.
- She and the Commission discussed what the Conservation Commissioner position entails.
- The Commission agreed that Ms. Buttaro would make an excellent addition to the Commission.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to recommend Ms. Buttaro to the Selectmen for the opening on the Commission. Ms. Weissman seconded the motion. Unanimous. (4-0-0)

Potential Conservation Consultant Position

- The Commission discussed the possibility of using a consultant to work on specific assigned tasks to compliment the part-time (20 hrs/week) Conservation Agent position.

Conservation Agent Vacancy

- The Commission agreed that they are not ready to make a decision on the Conservation Agent opening after interviewing the two candidates at the special meeting on July 19, 2016.

At 9:37 PM, Ms. Kingston made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Weissman seconded the motion. Unanimous. (4-0-0)

The next Conservation Commission meetings will be:

- ∞ **Tuesday, August 9, 2016** at 7:30 PM; Lower Level Meeting Room #014
- ∞ **Tuesday, August 23, 2016** at 7:30 PM; Lower Level Meeting Room #014