

## **Holliston Conservation Commission**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Town Hall . Meeting Room #014

June 23, 2015

7:30 PM

Present: Allen Rutberg, Chair; Ann Marie Pilch, Vice-Chair;  
Chris Bajdek, Jim McGrath, David Schroder, Rebecca Weissman,  
Commissioners; Emily Kingston, Associate Commissioner

Charles Katuska, Conservation Agent  
Sheri O'Brien, Conservation Assistant

Absent: Shaw Lively, Commissioner

**Dr. Rutberg, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:35 PM.**

### **General Business**

#### **Request for Certificate of Compliance for DEP File No. 186-793: 186 Locust Street - Gustavson Development LLC**

Mr. Gustavson requested a Certificate of Compliance for DEP File No. 186-793: 186 Locust Street and submitted an As-Built Plan: ~~%~~Proposed Septic System, Gustavson Development LLC, 186 Locust Street, Holliston MA, dated 25 November 2014, revised through 10 April 2015 (As-Built). The Agent visited the site on June 16<sup>th</sup> and found the project site to be completely stabilized and the grass has been mowed twice. There will be two Ongoing Conditions regarding snow removal and pesticide/herbicide use.

**Mr. McGrath made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance for DEP File No. 185-793: 186 Locust Street. Ms. Pilch seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)**

#### **Automatic Extension via The Permit Extension Act and Plan Change Review for the Order of Conditions for DEP File # 185-657: Lot 189 Indian Ridge Road South**

Applicant: Nicholas C. Torti, Lot 189 Indian Ridge Road South, LLC

Mr. Torti submitted a plan, ~~%~~Resource Area Plan of Land in Holliston, MA+dated Rev. 5/19/15, annotated June 18, 2015 with change in house footprint. This lot has a new owner and the house footprint has been shrunk 7qon both sides, from 24qx 64q to 24qx 50q The applicant is asking for an administrative review of these changes to the Order of Conditions.

The Order is also eligible for an automatic extension, therefore, as required by the Massachusetts Permit Extension Act, a two year extension to the Order of Conditions was signed by the Commission for DEP File #185-657, Lot 189 Indian Ridge Road South.

**Ms. Pilch made a motion to accept the changes to the plan and new owner as administrative changes to the file for DEP File # 185-657: Lot 189 Indian Ridge Road South. Mr. Schroder seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)**

#### **Agricultural Commission – Update on Rogers Road Farm**

- Tony Lulek and Paula Marks attended the meeting to provide an update regarding the Rogers Road Farm.
- The Agricultural Commission (AgCom) approves of bee hives on the east end of site
- The AgCom is going in front of the Selectmen tomorrow night to get approval to form a non-profit organization for the Rogers Road Farm. The non-profit would lease the land from the Town, hopefully, for a low price (e.g., \$1.00), which is what the Medway Community Farm does in Medway.
- They need a structural engineer to review the structural integrity of the house on the farm property. AP Associates uses a structural engineer and Mr. Katuska will give this info to Mr. Lulek.
- The electricity is on in the house and there is oil in tank.
- The hope is to find a farmer to possibly live on the property to run the farm. Dennis and Kristen Serocki live on the farm property next door, so the AgCom would like to put up a fence on the property line so that they won't be disturbed.
- Rolf Briggs and Marc Connelly have been asked to be on the Advisory Board.
- The ConCom will send a letter of support for the AgCom to the Selectmen for tomorrow night's meeting.

#### **Review Mail**

- The mail was reviewed.
- EverSource sent a notification letter dated June 18, 2015 to do routine maintenance work on the Right-of-Way access roads going to Medway.

#### **Project Updates:**

- **Weston Pond Dam - Vegetation Management**  
Marc Ahronian proposes to treat four areas near Weston Pond, none are greater than a couple of hundred square feet. He would like to use Triclopyr brush killer to kill the poison ivy. The staff will research this herbicide, to ensure it is safe to use near the pond.

### **Open Space Updates:**

- **Conservation Restriction - Rogers Road Farm**

The Agent is reviewing the draft conservation restriction for the Rogers Road Farm.

### **Public Meetings and Hearings**

**Continued Public Hearing – Notice of Intent for DEP File #185-797: “0” Underwood Street/Katie’s Way (Assessors Map 4 Block 4, Lots 56.8 & 57.2 and Map 5, Block 3, Lot 41) proposal to construct a 6 lot open space residential development (White Pines Estates II) with a cul-de-sac, two common driveways, associated site work, utilities, and stormwater management . *Vito Colonna/Connorstone Engineering, Inc.* representing *Stephen O’Leary/O’Leary Builders, Inc.***

Present: Abutters - Herbert & Lynne Novogroski, 402 Underwood Street

A written request to continue this hearing to July 7, 2015 was received from the applicant’s representative, Mr. Connors. They would like to have more time to review the peer review comments received from AP Associates. Mr. & Mrs. Novogroski were present to express concerns regarding the potential development’s impact on wetlands.

**Ms. Pilch made a motion to continue the hearing for DEP File #185-797: “0” Underwood Street/Katie’s Way to July 7, 2015. Mr. McGrath seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)**

### **General Business Continued**

#### **Vote on Meeting Minutes from:**

- 5/26/15
- 6/9/15
- 11/4/14

**Mr. Pilch made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 26, 2015. Mr. Weissman seconded the motion. Mr. Bajdek abstained. The motion passed. (5-0-1)**

**Mr. McGrath made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 9, 2015. Mr. Schroder seconded the motion. Ms. Weissman and Dr. Rutberg abstained. The motion passed. (4-0-2)**

**Mr. Bajdek made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 4, 2014 as amended by Mr. Katuska. Ms. Pilch seconded the motion. Mr. McGrath abstained. The motion passed. (5-0-1)**

### **Conservation Assistant Position Funding for FY16**

**Mr. Bajdek made a motion to compensate the Conservation Assistant position for those hours worked over 13 hours per week (Omnibus) for FY16 out of the Bylaw Fund. Mr. McGrath seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)**

**At 8:10 PM, Mr. Bajdek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McGrath seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)**

**The next Conservation Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, July 7, 2015.**