

Holliston Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Town Hall . Meeting Room #014

June 14, 2016
7:30 PM

Present: Allen Rutberg, Chair; Ann Marie Pilch, Vice-Chair; Chris Bajdek, Emily Kingston, Shaw Lively, David Schroder; Commissioners

Sheri O'Brien, Conservation Assistant

Absent: Rebecca Weissman; Commissioner
Charles Katuska, Conservation Agent

Dr. Rutberg, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Public Meetings and Hearings

Continued Public Hearing – Notice of Intent for DEP File #185-814: 17 Whitney Street (Assessors Map 12 Block 4, Lot 3) proposal to demolish an existing house, garage & driveway and construct a commercial garage & septic system with driveway, related utilities & outdoor storage bins – *Joyce Hastings/GLM Engineering* representing *Paul Smith/17 Whitney Street Realty LLC*.

Present for the applicant: Joyce Hastings, GLM Engineering; Paul Smith, Owner

- At the last meeting (5-31-16), a stormwater analysis was reviewed showing that the post-construction run-off would be reduced.
- Ms. Hastings reviewed the plan dated June 1, 2016 which was updated with stormwater drainage area proposal.
- A 60' sediment basin with 3:1 side slopes has been added.
- The basin will be grassed and raked out twice per year (fall & spring). It can be mowed as it is flat in the middle.
- Ms. Hastings will update the plan to show the edge of the bituminous pavement/gravel.
- The NHESP determination letter was received.
- It was clarified that this parcel has two buildings on it (#17, this proposed building & #17A, an existing building). Any Order of Conditions approved for this property will apply to the entire parcel.
- Mr. Smith agreed not to wash his trucks outside. A salt water washing station may be considered inside the building at #17A (the northern most building on this lot) or at this building at #17.
- It was agreed by the Commission, Ms. Hastings, and Mr. Smith, that there will be a condition in the Order of Conditions for this building at #17 Whitney Street prohibiting the washing of trucks outside on this property. If trucks are washed outside in the 100'

buffer zone, then appropriate Enforcement Order action would be taken. Mr. Smith understands this.

- Mr. Smith plans to meet with Mr. Katuska, Conservation Agent, and Mr. Tartakoff, Building Inspector, and discuss appropriate plans for a truck washing pad/station for his business. The Commission felt that this is a separate issue from the building being proposed at #17 Whitney Street.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to close the hearing for DEP File #185-814: 17 Whitney. Ms. Kingston seconded the motion. Mr. Bajdek opposed the motion. The motion passed. (5-1-0)

Continued Public Hearing – Notice of Intent for DEP File #185-813: 78 Union Street (Assessors Map 8F Block 1, Lot 42) proposal to construct an attached garage & driveway expansion – *Joyce Hastings/GLM Engineering* representing *Julie McKay Sutherland*.

Present for the applicant: Joyce Hastings, GLM Engineering; Jonathan Sutherland (co-owner)

- Ms. Hastings presented a plan dated 6/7/16.
- The NHESP determination letter was received.
- A new design with a raised garage was reviewed.
- The garage will be about 2 to 2.5 feet high.
- Ms. Hastings explained that the net flood plain compensation needed will be similar if one imagined a small pile of mulch ~ 4 yds³.
- Ms. Hastings and Mr. Sutherland requested a continuation to June 28, 2016.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to continue the hearing for DEP File #185-813: 78 Union Street to June 28, 2016. Mr. Lively seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)

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 was not present this evening. This application is in response to a Notice of Wetland Violation issued on 3/29/16. A prior landowner expanded the property area onto Town-owned property and the encroachment needs to be surveyed and documented prior to the issuance of a Determination of Applicability.

Mr. Sales has had the property surveyed and the Agent visited the property today. The flags along the property line between 112 Lake Shore Drive and the Conservation Land show that there are approximately 1000 sq ft of lawn on town-owned land. The plan showing the surveyed property lines has not been received by the office yet. At least two property marking concrete bounds showing where the open space area begins were suggested.

The Commission would like to let the lawn grow so it can revert to native plants. It is less likely that invasive plants would grow since there was grass and the ground would not be disturbed.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to continue the public meeting for RFD #D-568: 112 Lake Shore Drive to June 28, 2016. Mr. Schroder seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)

General Business

Informal Discussion: 51 Charles Street Proposal - CIVILized Solutions

Mr. Saulnier and Mr. Dickinson of CIVLIZED solutions were present to discuss a proposed septic system design for 51 Charles Street.

- Mr. Saulnier presented a sketch plan received by the office May 25, 2016.
- The homeowner's average use is 53 gallons/day (10 cents per gallon) into their 3,000 gallon tight tank (which fills a truck).
- A new septic system is proposed.
- Mr. Saulnier has discussed this plan with the Board of Health, but no decisions have been made as the BoH would like to wait for a ConCom assessment on the proposed septic system before moving forward. No application has been submitted to the BoH yet.
- There will not be any filling of the flood plain.
- Neighboring property was filled wetlands when their new septic was installed.
- Two Clivus composting systems have been considered, but they would be very complicated and expensive and complicated to install.
- To Mr. Saulnier's knowledge, there is no illegal discharge at the property.
- A Geo-flow system does not allow nitrate, etc. to leach into the ground.
- Mr. Saulnier will submit additional information to the Commission to demonstrate that it will protect water quality of the canal. The Commission will review the information after it is received.

Request for Certificate of Compliance for DEP File #185-801: 14 Deer Run Road (Lot 15) - Four Seasons Homes LLC

The site was inspected on June 8th by the Agent. The grass has not grown in yet. There will be four ongoing conditions for this partial Certificate of Compliance.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to issue a Partial Certificate of Compliance for DEP File #185-801: 14 Deer Run Road (Lot 15). Mr. Lively seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)

Enforcement: 194 Lowland Street - M. Brumber

George Connors, the representative for Mr. Brumber, has promised that the new Notice of Intent (NOI) for 194 Lowland Street will be submitted by the end of this week. Since this NOI is in

response to a violation letter, the Commission agreed that an Enforcement Order should be issued if no application is received by the end of the week.

Beavers:

• **Christopher Road:**

- The beavers have re-built the dam on Hopping Brook, off of Christopher Road again, after it had been breached with an Emergency Certification by the Highway Department this past spring.
- There have been several complaints from neighbors on the east side of Christopher Road regarding the high water level. The Agent visited the neighborhood today and found that the water didn't look any higher than about a month ago, and may have actually been a bit lower.
- The Highway Department has been asked to breach the dam (with an Emergency Certificate issued by the ConCom). They have agreed to breach the dam as soon as their schedule allows it.
- Mike Callahan from Beaver Solutions will be consulted regarding the possibility of a water control structure.

• **Cross Street: Ratify Emergency Certificate for Chicken Brook Dam Breach**

- The Commission ratified the Emergency Certificate for a partial breach of Chicken Brook upstream of Cross Street.
- The Board of Health issued a 10-Day Emergency permit on June 20, 2016 to trap the beavers as the Health Director deemed this issue a certifiable threat to human health and safety.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to ratify an Emergency Certificate for Chicken Brook Dam Breach. Ms. Kingston seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)

• **664 Adams Street:**

The dam behind this property is on tributaries to Beaver Brook and is located on Conservation Land. The staff will contact Central Mass Mosquito Control to request that the area be sprayed with larvacide.

General Business Continued

Vote on Draft Meeting Minutes:

- 5/31/16
- 10/14/14

- **Ms. Kingston made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 31, 2016 meeting. Mr. Schroder seconded the motion. Mr. Lively abstained. The motion passed. (5-0-1)**
- **Ms. Pilch made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2014 meeting. Mr. Lively seconded the motion. Ms. Kingston and Mr. Bajdek abstained. The motion passed. (4-0-2)**

Review Correspondence

The mail was reviewed.

Warren Woods

Ms. Pilch (Open Space Committee) noted that a Mass Audubon Land Protection Specialist inquired if Holliston would be interested in a joint management plan with Ashland. Ashland has already created a plan. Ms. Pilch will e-mail a copy of the plan to the staff for review by the entire Commission.

Reorganization Discussion

There was a discussion regarding changing of the Commission officers. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

At 9:09 PM, Ms. Pilch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Lively seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)

The next Conservation Commission meetings will be:

- ∞ **Tuesday, June 28, 2016** at 7:30 PM; Lower Level Meeting Room #014
- ∞ **Tuesday, July 12, 2016** at 7:30 PM; Lower Level Meeting Room #014