

## Holliston Conservation Commission

### Meeting Minutes

Town Hall- Meeting Room #014

May 2, 2017

7:30 PM

Present: Chris Bajdek, Chair; Rebecca Weissman, Vice Chair; Jennifer Buttaro, Ann Marie Pilch, Allen Rutberg, Commissioners  
Kristin O'Brien, Conservation Assistant

Absent: Shaw Lively, Commissioner; Sheri O'Brien, Conservation Agent

**Chris Bajdek, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:35 PM.**

#### **Town Meeting Article: Bartzak Drive Roadway Acceptance**

- Ms. K. O'Brien explained that Bartzak Drive was proposed to be accepted by the town at the 2017 May annual town meeting. The town would only adopt the road, not the drainage structures. The individual lots and the business owners' association would be responsible for the drainage structures per each lot's Stormwater Maintenance and Operation Plans.
- Peter Barbieri provided history of the development.
- The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend acceptance of the road at Town Meeting and requested the Commission to consider a similar vote recommending acceptance of the road.

**Dr. Rutberg made a motion to recommend accepting Bartzak Drive as a town road. Ms. Buttaro seconded the motion. Unanimous. (5-0-0).**

#### **Request for Extension for the Order of Conditions for DEP File #185-730: 35 & 41 Pleasant Street- Thomas Smith, Holliston Highway Department and Skip Kelleher, Minglewood Development**

- Ms. K. O'Brien explained that the construction is complete but they still need to install bounds, loam and seeds, and plantings.

**Dr. Rutberg made a motion to issue a 1-year extension for the Order of Conditions for DEP File #185-730: 35 & 41 Pleasant Street. Ms. Pilch seconded the motion. Unanimous. (5-0-0).**

#### **Discussion: Signage at Brentwood Conservation**

- Ms. K. O'Brien explained an abutter at Brentwood Conservation requested ~~No~~ Parking+or ~~No~~ Idling+signs after seeing several instances of cars idling in the parking lot next to his house.
- Dr. Rutberg recommended a sign saying ~~Parking~~ for Conservation Land Access Only+.
- Ms. K. O'Brien will determine if the Highway Department or Conservation will pay for the sign.
- There was discussion on where the sign will be posted in the parking lot.

#### **Vote on Draft Meeting Minutes – 4/18/17**

**Ms. Pilch made a motion to accept the 04/18/17 minutes. Dr. Rutberg seconded the motion. Ms. Weissman abstained. The motion passed. (4-0-1).**

#### **Review Correspondence**

- No correspondence to review.

#### **Brooksmont Meadow Update**

- Ms. K. O'Brien explained she met with Skip Kelleher and other departments for a pre-construction meeting for Brooksmont Meadow.

- The Highway Department will not allow construction vehicles and staging on Dodd Drive. The staging area will be the entrance to the development which is very close to the wetlands. Ms. K. O'Brien asked them to put up orange construction fence along the limit of work in this area.
- There was discussion about the no stockpiling condition, as well as over-night parking equipment storage.
- The Commission would like Mr. Kelleher to come to the next meeting to discuss stockpiling and vehicle storage.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC MEETINGS**

#### **\*\*New Public Meeting - Request for Determination of Applicability for #D-601: 51 Karen Circle (Assessors Map 4-4-263) proposed replacement of failed septic system – Eric Dickinson, Civilized Solutions representing Steve and Gail Hume**

- Mr. Dickinson was present and waived the reading of the legal notice advertised in the MetroWest Daily News on April 25, 2017.
- Mr. Dickinson explained the proposed plan to replace the failed septic system with a new one.
- Due to restrictions in the front of the home the new septic must go in the back yard.
- Access would be from the south side of the house.
- The limit of work is the edge of lawn. Beyond the lawn is a ~9 foot drop to the wetlands.
- The Commission requested 3 bounds and wetland plaques be installed. Mr. Dickinson annotated the plan, signed, and dated.

**Dr. Rutberg made a motion to issue a negative 3 Determination of Applicability for #D-601: 51 Karen Circle with the conditions as stated. Ms. Pilch seconded the motion. Unanimous. (5-0-0).**

#### **195 Mohawk Path**

- The owner is concerned of several trees near the house and asked if they could be cut. The trees are most likely in the 100qvernal pool buffer zone.
- Ms. K. O'Brien will inspect to see if the branches are over the house and to evaluate health of the trees.

#### **Enforcement**

- Scott Moles, Board of Health Agent, asked Ms. K. O'Brien whether she has the authority to issue enforcement orders. There is no known issue, but he is anticipating a possible problem.

#### **Constitution Village**

- There is erosion and sedimentation flowing into some detention basins at Constitution Village.
- The Order of Conditions were issued in 2001 and a Partial Certificate of Compliance was issued in 2015 for specific lots that were sold to Toll Brothers.
- The Order of Conditions has expired.
- Ms. Weissman will visit the site with Ms. K. O'Brien next week to determine if the wetlands are being affected.

**Ms. Pilch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Dr. Rutberg seconded the motion. Unanimous. (5-0-0).**