

Holliston Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Town Hall- Meeting Room #014

November 14, 2017

7:30 PM

Present: Chris Bajdek, Chair; Rebecca Weissman, Vice Chair, Jennifer Buttaro, Blake M. Mensing, Allen Rutberg, Ann Marie Pilch, Commissioners; Utah Nickel, Associate Commissioner

Charles Katuska, Acting Conservation Agent

Absent: Shaw Lively, Commissioner

Chris Bajdek, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

General Business

Interviews for Temporary Clerk position

- Maria Finn . Ms. Finn reviews her resume and relevant experience. Commission members inquire as to direct experience in municipal service, knowledge of Conservation Commission business and responsibilities, relevant skills.
- Liliane Sklenarik . Ms. Sklenarik reviews her resume and relevant experience. Commission members inquire as to direct experience in municipal service, knowledge of Conservation Commission business and responsibilities, relevant skills.
- **Discussion:** Based on the Commission's success in securing the services of a contractor to staff the office as an interim Agent and the anticipated lull in office business over the holiday season, the Commission determined that funding this additional temporary clerk position was unnecessary. Mr. Katuska was directed to inform the applicants interviewed tonight of this decision and to remind both that the posting for the permanent position of Conservation Assistant would still be open until this Friday, November 17, 2017.

Discussion: 28 Maple Dell Lane

- At the request of the property owner, received earlier today by email, this item has been withdrawn. Mr. Katuska reports the result of his brief site inspection, suggesting that the parcel is entirely, or very nearly entirely, Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

Discussion: Highlands at Holliston Conservation Restriction

- The Commission reviews current status of the process
- The swale from Hiawatha to Mohawk Path needs to be redesigned to address erosion issues.
- The Commission notes that the time window for fall planting has passed.

Vote on 10/31/17 Draft Meeting Minutes

- Sufficient review had not occurred and this vote was postponed to the November 28, 2017 meeting.

Review Correspondence

- The Commission signed an invoice for Oxbow Associates.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC MEETINGS

New Public Meeting - Request for Determination of Applicability for #D-622: 67 Jarr Brook Road (Assessors Map 11-8-8) proposed septic system replacement . Norman Hill, Land Planning, Inc. representing William Gates

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Issued by: Charles Katuska

Approved by Commission: 11-28-17

- No applicant or representative appears for the project
- Mr. Katuska read the legal notice advertised in the *MetroWest Daily News* on October 24, 2017.
- Mr. Katuska presented a revised Site Plan, dated October 31, 2017, and confirmed that said revised plan has also been submitted to the Board of Health. Discussion with Scott Moles, Health Agent, confirmed that the only plan changes made was to regrade the slope on the northeastern side of the leaching field mound such that there was now no intrusion into the 50-foot buffer to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands on the site.
- Appropriate perimeter erosion controls are shown on the revised plan, any stockpiling necessary onsite will be outside of the 100-foot buffer zone, and project access will be from the western side of the house, away from the wetlands to the west.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to issue a Negative 3 Determination of Applicability for #D-620: 85 Central Street, as drafted, with the conditions as stated. Mr. Mensing seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0).

New Public Meeting - Request for Determination of Applicability for #D-623: 179 Mohawk Path (Assessors Map 14-5-88.1) proposed armored wall replacement and relocation . Hinesh Surati, Owner

- No applicant or representative appears for the project
- Mr. Katuska read the legal notice advertised in the *MetroWest Daily News* on October 24, 2017.
- Mr. Katuska presented the applicant's undated sketch plan and confirmed that said sketch is lacking a suitable engineering design for relocating and reconstructing an armored slope of this magnitude. Furthermore, Mr. Katuska confirmed that work proposed would encroach on the permanently bounded limit of the Bylaw-only 100-foot Vernal Pool Habitat onsite. Said permanently bounded limit was established under the Bylaw-only Order of Conditions initially issued for this property (B-004) and reaffirmed as an area to be protected in its natural state in perpetuity in the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance in 2016.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to issue a Positive Determination of Applicability for #D-623: 179 Mohawk Path, with positive findings #1, #3, #5 and #6, as drafted. Ms. Buttaro seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0).

Continued Public Hearing – Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation DEP File # 185-830: 185 Cedar Street (Assessors Map 14-3-1) proposed wetland delineation . Joyce Hastings, GLM, Inc representing David Adams, Indian Ridge Realty Trust

- By telephone earlier today, Ms. Hastings said the revised wetland delineation plan is expected to be transmitted to the peer review consultant next week and asked to continue the hearing to the next meeting.

Mr. Mensing made a motion to continue the hearing 185 Cedar Street until the November 28, 2017 meeting. Ms. Buttaro seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0).

Continued Public Hearing –Notice of Intent DEP File # 185-834: 245 Washington Street (Assessors Map 11-5-69.1 & 69.2) proposed 16-house development . Daniel Carr, Stamski and McNary, Inc. representing Peter Conant, Own A Home MA, Applicant

- No applicant or representative appears for the project
- DEP File number 185-834 has been assigned to this project.
- Mr. Katuska informed the Commission that, prior to accepting the assignment as interim conservation agent, he had previously agreed to assist Mr. Conant, the Applicant, in the drafting and processing of the required conservation restriction. Mr. Katuska reported that he had, years previously, received an opinion of ~~No~~ No Conflict from the MA State Ethics

Commission on the question of working simultaneously for a municipal review authority (Conservation Commission) and an applicant before said municipal authority. Mr. Katuska is instructed to communicate with the State Ethics Commission on the question as it relates to this current application in Holliston and to report back on the results of said communication.

- Mr. Katuska is instructed to draft an Order of Conditions and a letter to potential future homeowners regarding the requirements for monitoring and maintenance of the on-site property to be protected under the required conservation restriction.

Ms. Weissman made a motion to continue the hearing for DEP # 185-834: 245 Washington Street, until November 28, 2017. Dr. Rutberg seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0).

Ms. Pilch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Dr. Rutberg seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0).