

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Via Remote Participation

October 5, 2021

7:30 PM

Present: Christopher Bajdek, Chair; Rebecca Weissman, Vice Chair; Eilish Corey, Utah Nickel
(*arrived 7:35 PM*), Ann Marie Pilch, Allen Rutberg, Commissioners; Rick Shansky,
Alternate Commissioner

Ryan Clapp, Conservation Agent

Absent: Jennifer Buttaro, Commissioners

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

Mr. Bajdek read the following into the record:

Pursuant to the Governor's June 16, 2021 Act relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c 30A paragraph 20, the Holliston Conservation Commission will be using remote participation for this meeting. The audio of this meeting is being recorded and will be posted to the Town's webpage within 24 hours in accordance with keeping the public informed of actions during this meeting. I would ask that all participants remotely attending this meeting please state your name for identification purposes each time you speak throughout the meeting.

At this time, a roll call attendance vote will be taken.

Mr. Bajdek:	Present
Ms. Weissman:	Present
Ms. Buttaro:	Absent
Ms. Corey:	Present
Mr. Nickel:	Absent (<i>arrived 7:35 PM</i>)
Ms. Pilch:	Absent
Dr. Rutberg:	Present
Mr. Shansky:	Present

General Business

Review/Approve Minutes of 8/24/2021 & 9/21/2021

Ms. Pilch made a motion to approve the minutes of 8/24/2021. Ms. Weissman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Bajdek:	Aye
Ms. Weissman:	Aye
Ms. Corey:	Aye
Ms. Pilch:	Aye
Dr. Rutberg:	Aye

Mr. Shansky: Aye

- The minutes for the meeting on 9/21/2021 were tabled until the next meeting on 10/19/2021 to address various revisions offered by the Commission.

Mr. Nickel arrived at 7:35 PM

Vote to Authorize Christopher Bajdek to sign all documents issued by the Conservation Commission on 10/5/2021

Ms. Pilch made a motion to authorize Christopher Bajdek to sign all documents issued by the Conservation Commission on 10/5/2021. Mr. Nickel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Bajdek: Aye
Ms. Weissman: Aye
Ms. Corey: Aye
Mr. Nickel: Aye
Ms. Pilch: Aye
Dr. Rutberg: Aye
Mr. Shansky: Aye

Request for a Certificate of Compliance: DEP #185-811: #265 Prentice Street

- Mr. Clapp reported that this request was in relation to an Order of Conditions for a single family house. He has inspected the site, and noted that while the house, driveway and septic system have been installed properly, he noted several issues. The issues noted were: premature removal of erosion control barriers resulting in erosion of sediment into the 50' No Disturbance Buffer Zone and extension of lawn beyond the limit of work into the 50' No Disturbance Buffer Zone.
- Ms. Joyce Hastings, representative for the applicant, requested that this item be continued to the next meeting. Before the Commission takes enforcement actions, she will discuss remedial measures with the developer and Mr. Clapp. The Commission was agreeable to this course of action.

Request for a Certificate of Compliance: DEP #185-707: #938 Washington Street

- Mr. Clapp reported that this request was in relation to an Order of Conditions for a single family house. He noted that a partial Certificate of Compliance was issued pending grass growth and establishment of mitigation plantings, which has since been completed.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance for DEP #185-707: #938 Washington Street. Dr. Rutberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Bajdek: Aye
Ms. Weissman: Aye
Ms. Corey: Aye

Mr. Nickel:	Aye
Ms. Pilch:	Aye
Dr. Rutberg:	Aye
Mr. Shansky:	Aye

Request for a Certificate of Compliance: DEP #185-838: Open Space J Swale

- Mr. Clapp noted that this Request was in relation to an Order of Conditions to stabilize a drainage swale within the Open Space J parcel in the Highlands at Holliston subdivision. Mr. Clapp noted that he had several questions for the developer, including as to if the proper easements were in place, which have been answered to his satisfaction.

Dr. Rutberg made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance for DEP #185-838: Open Space J. Mr. Nickel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Bajdek:	Aye
Ms. Weissman:	Aye
Ms. Corey:	Aye
Mr. Nickel:	Aye
Ms. Pilch:	Aye
Dr. Rutberg:	Aye
Mr. Shansky:	Aye

Ratify Emergency Certification: Lake Winthrop Dam

- Mr. Clapp noted that this Emergency Certification was for beaver dam breaching and installation of a pipe flow device at the Lake Winthrop Dam. The dam is in poor condition and the additional stress of beaver activity poses a hazard to the dam's infrastructure. Beaver activity has also cause water levels to rise, potentially impacting septic systems on lakefront properties. He noted that Beaver Solutions intends to install the device tomorrow (10/6/2021)

Ms. Weissman made a motion to ratify the Emergency Certification for the Lake Winthrop Dam. Ms. Pilch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Bajdek:	Aye
Ms. Weissman:	Aye
Ms. Corey:	Aye
Mr. Nickel:	Aye
Ms. Pilch:	Aye
Dr. Rutberg:	Aye
Mr. Shansky:	Aye

Review Correspondence/ Other

- Mr. Clapp noted that registration for the MACC Annual Environmental Conference is now open. Any Commissioners interested in attending any workshops should contact him for registration.

- Mr. Clapp noted that he had spoken to the scoutmaster of Troop 73, Mr. Frank Chamberlain, about enlisting the help of the scouts to address the NSTAR parcel issues. Mr. Chamberlain believes this may be outside the scope of what the scouts may be able to help with, so the Commission will need to pursue other alternatives. Mr. Clapp will reach out to the Trustees of Reservations for recommendations.
- Ms. Pilch suggested reaching out to NEMBA for assistance. She also noted that the trail the Commission will be closing is easily accessible from College Rock in Hopkinton.

Public Hearings/Public Meetings

Request for Determination of Applicability for #D-711: #43 Fairview Street (Assessors Map 8-2-10.F) for proposed replacement septic system – *GLM Engineering*, representing *Helen C. O'Connor*

Documents: WPA Form 1; Plan of Land entitled “Proposed Sewage Disposal System, 43 Fairview Street, Holliston, Massachusetts” dated 9/14/21

- Mr. Clapp read the legal advertisement into the record.
- Ms. Joyce Hastings presented the project to the Commission. The existing septic system serving the house is failing and needs replacing. She noted there is an intermittent stream in the rear of the property, but due to site conditions and ledge within the front yard and back yard, the system needed to be located where the existing system is located, within the 100’ buffer zone. This area is outside the 50’ No Disturbance Zone but not within existing lawn.
- Ms. Pilch inquired if there was any lawn expansion proposed. Ms. Hastings noted there was not, as there are only two trees proposed to be impacted by this septic system installation.
- Mr. Bajdek inquired if there was any grading beyond the leaching field. Ms. Hastings noted that any additional grading is very minimal.

Ms. Weissman made a motion to issue a Negative #3 Determination for #D-711: #43 Fairview Street. Mr. Nickel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Bajdek:	Aye
Ms. Weissman:	Aye
Ms. Corey:	Aye
Mr. Nickel:	Aye
Ms. Pilch:	Aye
Dr. Rutberg:	Aye
Mr. Shansky:	Aye

Notice of Intent for DEP #185-XXX: #20 Hargrave Avenue (Assessors Map 10-2-8) for proposed replacement septic system – *CIVILized Solutions*, representing *Marty Doscher, Mainsail Properties*

Documents: WPA Form 3; Plan of Land entitled “Septic System Construction, 20 Hargrave Avenue, Holliston” dated 9/14/2021

- Mr. Clapp read the legal advertisement into the record.
- Ms. Karon Skinner-Catrone presented the project to the Commission. She noted that the large septic system serving the multi-family house is failing and needs replacement. The proposed location is within the rear of the property, within the 100’ buffer zone to a wetland system

associated with a drainage easement. One tree is potentially at risk by this installation, but they will attempt to prevent its removal.

- Mr. Bajdek noted there is a retaining wall associated with the system and inquired as to its height. Ms. Skinner-Catrone noted it would be approximately 3' tall.
- Ms. Corey inquired as to the changes in flowpaths of runoff associated with this installation. Ms. Skinner-Catrone noted that the runoff currently flows towards the wetlands in the rear of the parcel but is proposed to flow towards the front to be picked up in a catch basin. Ms. Corey is concerned about water flowing over the wall and rilling at the base.
- Mr. Bajdek noted that this property was in front of the Commission several years ago for drainage issues. Ms. Pilch is concerned that this project may result in the return of basement flooding. Ms. Skinner-Catrone will contact the engineer to design drainage swales to address this issue.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to continue the public hearing for DEP #185-XXX: #20 Hargrave Avenue until the next meeting on 10/19/2021. Mr. Nickel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Bajdek:	Aye
Ms. Weissman:	Aye
Ms. Corey:	Aye
Mr. Nickel:	Aye
Ms. Pilch:	Aye
Dr. Rutberg:	Aye
Mr. Shansky:	Aye

Notice of Intent for DEP #185-905: "0" Prospect Street (Eagle Path) (Assessors Map 8E-3-19.3) for proposed 4-lot residential subdivision – *Guerriere & Halnon, Inc.*, representing *John Hovsepian, Eagle Path, LLC*

Documents: WPA Form 3; Plan of Land entitled "Eagle Path Definitive Subdivision in Holliston, Massachusetts" dated 4/29/2021 (rev. 8/16/2021); Stormwater Report entitled "Stormwater Management Report – Eagle Path, Holliston, MA" dated 4/29/2021 (rev. 9/10/2021)

- Mr. Clapp noted that the applicant has requested a continuance to the meeting on 10/19/2021.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to continue the public hearing for DEP #185-905: "0" Prospect Street (Eagle Path) until 10/19/2021. Dr. Rutberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Bajdek:	Aye
Ms. Weissman:	Aye
Ms. Corey:	Aye
Mr. Nickel:	Aye
Ms. Pilch:	Aye
Dr. Rutberg:	Aye
Mr. Shansky:	Aye

Ms. Pilch made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Dr. Rutberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Bajdek:	Aye
Ms. Weissman:	Aye
Ms. Corey:	Aye
Mr. Nickel:	Aye
Ms. Pilch:	Aye
Dr. Rutberg:	Aye
Mr. Shansky:	Aye

*****All documents shall be kept in the Conservation Commission Office files*****