

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Via Remote Participation

October 19, 2021

7:30 PM

Present: Christopher Bajdek, Chair; Eilish Corey, Utah Nickel (*arrived 7:45 PM*), Ann Marie Pilch, Allen Rutberg, Commissioners

Ryan Clapp, Conservation Agent

Absent: Rebecca Weissman, Vice Chair; Jennifer Buttaro, Commissioner; Rick Shansky, Alternate Commissioner

Christopher Bajdek, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:35 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:	Absent
Ms. Buttaro:	Absent
Ms. Corey:	Present
Mr. Nickel:	Absent (<i>arrived 7:45 PM</i>)
Ms. Pilch:	Present
Dr. Rutberg:	Present
Mr. Shansky:	Absent

General Business

Review/Approve Minutes of 9/21/2021 & 10/5/2021

Ms. Pilch made a motion to approve the minutes of 9/21/2021. Dr. Rutberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Ms. Pilch made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/5/2021. Dr. Rutberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

MassAudubon Waseeka Dam maintenance – Flavio Sutti

- Mr. Sutti introduced himself to the Commission and presented the proposed project to the Commission. Per a Phase I Inspection Report for the dam at the Waseeka Wildlife Sanctuary owned by MassAudubon, they are required to perform maintenance to ensure the dam's safety. This maintenance is to include vegetation removal, invasive species removal, and removal of debris surrounding a beaver deceiver.
- Ms. Pilch inquired if the roots of the vegetation would remain. Mr. Sutti noted that removing the roots would further destabilize the dam, so no. He noted that the invasives, such as buckthorn, would be cut low and treated frequently.
- The Commission requested that Mr. Sutti submit a Request for Determination of Applicability for this project.

Mr. Nickel arrived at 7:45 PM

Discussion: Holliston Woods Plantings

- Mr. Clapp reported that he had received a request from a resident in the Holliston Woods subdivision to plant some native species on the slope in the rear of her property at #9 Jackson Drive. This area is protected by a Conservation Restriction, which does allow for native plantings subject to the written approval of the Commission. Said plantings included serviceberry, cranberry viburnum, witchhazel, and northern bayberry, as well as potentially dwarf honeysuckle and Leucothoe in the spring of 2022.
- Mr. Bajdek inquired as to the topography of the area. Mr. Clapp noted it is a steep, grassed slope, with a split rail fence between the property and the Conservation Restriction.
- The Commission gave approval for the plantings and directed Mr. Clapp to write an approval letter to be sent out.

Discussion: Trail Use Issues: NSTAR Parcel

- Mr. Clapp reported that he had been in contact with Mr. Frank Chamberlain regarding this ongoing issue. Mr. Chamberlain, upon realizing the scope of the issues, realized that this would be beyond the ability of the Boy Scouts to assist with, and the Commission would need to look into alternative options. Mr. Clapp has contacted Mr. Tom Dodd at the Trustees of Reservations for advice.
- Mr. Nickel suggested the Student Conservation Associates, but noted that they typically require housing and compensation. This would be a last-resort option for the Commission to consider.

- Dr. Rutberg suggested contacting the Trails Committee and Conservation Associates. While these groups may not be able to help, they may have contacts who can assist the Commission.
- Ms. Pilch noted that in the long term, the Trails Committee may be interested in expanding in their role from the Rail Trail to other trails in town. Mr. Clapp will contact Mr. Weidknecht and invite him to a meeting to discuss this further.

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 was directed to follow up with Mr. Katuska regarding the Article XXX regulations.
- Mr. Clapp presented an invoice from CMG Environmental for the peer review of the Stormwater Report for #150 & #280 Marshall Street for \$787.50.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to authorize Mr. Clapp to sign the invoice from CMG Environmental for \$787.50. Dr. Rutberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Public Hearings/Public Meetings

Notice of Intent for DEP #185-906: #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 (rev. 10/18/2021)

- Ms. Karon Skinner-Catrone gave an overview of the outstanding items from the previous session of the public hearing. The applicant has since received a file number from DEP, and she noted that the tree discussed was in poorer condition than previously noted, and recommended its removal as part of the project.
- Mr. Dickinson noted that they are now proposing the installation of a drain pipe and catch basin to address drainage concerns, rather than a swale. Mr. Dickinson noted that the pipe will need maintenance in perpetuity.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to close the public hearing for DEP #185-906: #20 Hargrave Avenue. Dr. Rutberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Ms. Pilch made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions for DEP #185-906: #20 Hargrave Avenue. Dr. Rutberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Bajdek:	Aye
Ms. Corey:	Aye
Mr. Nickel:	Aye
Ms. Pilch:	Aye
Dr. Rutberg:	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. 10/15/2021); Stormwater Report entitled “Stormwater Management Report – Eagle Path, Holliston, MA” dated 4/29/2021 (rev. 9/10/2021); Letter from Nicole Hayes, PWS, Goddard Consulting, dated 10/4/2021

- Mr. Duff noted that from the previous session of the public hearing, several items were outstanding, those being an evaluation of the isolated wetlands and the stormwater report peer review. He noted that the peer review has been completed to the satisfaction of Mr. Faist at CMG Environmental and that an evaluation of the isolated wetland has been submitted by Goddard Consulting.
- The Commission reviewed and accepted the letter from Goddard Consulting establishing the isolated wetland as not a vernal pool.
- Ms. Corey expressed concerns with compliance with the MA Stormwater Standards, noting they prohibit a detention basin from being used as an interim sediment basin for just one house without treatment. Mr. Duff noted that the forebay only will be used, which is compliant with the Stormwater Standards.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to close the public hearing for DEP #185-905: “0” Prospect Street (Eagle Path). Mr. Nickel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Ms. Pilch made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM. Mr. Nickel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

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