

Holliston Conservation Commission

**APPROVED Meeting Minutes**

Via Remote Participation

March 21, 2023

7:30 PM

Present: Ann Marie Pilch, Chair; Allen Rutberg, Vice Chair; Eilish Corey, Utah Nickel, Nicole Smith, Commissioners; Richard Shansky, Alternate Commissioner

Absent: Rebecca Weissman, Commissioner  
Ryan Clapp, Conservation Agent

**Ann Marie Pilch, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM.**

**A. Pilch read the following into the record:**

Pursuant to the Governor's July 16, 2022 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 as soon as possible 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.

A. Rutberg:	Present
E. Corey:	Present
U. Nickel:	Present
N. Smith:	Present
R. Weissman:	Absent
R. Shansky:	Present
A. Pilch:	Present

**General Business**

**Review/Approve Minutes of 2/21/2023 & 3/7/2023**

- The minutes of 2/21/2023 & 3/7/2023 were tabled until the next meeting on 4/4/2023.

**Issue Order of Conditions: DEP #185-936: Parcel D Prentice Street**

- The Commission reviewed the draft Order of Conditions for DEP #185-936: Parcel D Prentice Street.
- N. Smith asked if the new wetland replication area would result in additional buffer zones that should be demarcated with wetland bounds. J. Hastings noted that she had not placed bounds along the 50' limit, but along the limit of lawn. The area near the wetland crossing is conditioned in the Order to be only mowed twice annually. She noted that once the wetland is established, it would become the new wetland edge, altering the location of buffer zones. A. Pilch noted that this will not affect this specific project, but will change the conditions for future work onsite. If the homeowner were to return with

an additional project in the future, they will need a new delineation. J. Hastings also noted that once work is completed, there will be an As-Built plan.

- **A. Rutberg made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions for DEP #185-936: Parcel D Prentice Street. U. Nickel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.**

**A. Rutberg:** Aye  
**E. Corey:** Aye  
**U. Nickel:** Aye  
**N. Smith:** Aye  
**R. Shansky:** Aye  
**A. Pilch:** Aye

**Request for Partial Certificate of Compliance: DEP #185-851: #589 Prentice Street**

- This item was tabled until the meeting on 4/4/2023.

**Request for Partial Certificate of Compliance: DEP #185-853: #607 Prentice Street**

- This item was tabled until the meeting on 4/4/2023.

**Request for Certificate of Compliance: DEP #185-882: Lot 31B Old Cart Path**

**Request for Certificate of Compliance: DEP #185-884: Lot 77 Old Cart Path**

**Request for Certificate of Compliance: DEP #185-887: Lot 81 Old Cart Path**

**Request for Certificate of Compliance: DEP #185-867: Lot 82 Old Cart Path**

**Request for Certificate of Compliance: DEP #185-876: Lot 83A Pout Lane**

**Request for Certificate of Compliance: DEP #185-877: Lot 83B Pout Lane**

**Request for Certificate of Compliance: DEP #185-878: Lot 83C Pout Lane**

**Request for Certificate of Compliance: DEP #185-879: Lot 83D Pout Lane**

**Request for Certificate of Compliance: DEP 3185-880: Lot 83E Pout Lane**

- These 9 Requests for Certificates of Compliance were tabled until the next meeting on 4/4/2023.

**Review Correspondence**

- A. Pilch reminded the Commission that remote meeting provisions are set to expire at the end of the month. It is expected that remote meeting provisions will be extended before the expiration date.
- A. Pilch reported that J. Hastings had provided R. Clapp with information regarding plaque vendors.
- A. Pilch reported that there have been several complaints regarding a pond on Jeffrey Avenue where the water is extremely green, possibly due to an algae bloom. R. Clapp will review the site with Robert Walker. E. Corey noted that she has also observed this pond.
- A. Pilch noted that another draft of the Community Farm Conservation Restriction will be circulated within the next few weeks.
- N. Smith asked what the Commission's opinion on site photos before and after projects are permitted. A. Pilch agrees it would be useful for the applicant to provide such photos when requesting a Certificate of Compliance. E. Corey recommended this be a policy for R. Clapp to take these photos, and the Commission will discuss further with him.
- A. Pilch reported that the Open Space Committee had met and discussed the idea of a Facebook page for displaying photos of Holliston's Open Space and natural resources. N. Smith expressed concerns about the use of Facebook as a tool for outreach and starting a dialogue with the community.

## Public Hearings/Public Meetings

**Public Hearing – Notice of Intent for DEP #185-940: #99 Pilgrim Road (Assessors Map 9-4-92)** for proposed in-ground pool – *Riverhawk Environmental*, representing *Fabricio De Faria*  
**Documents:** WPA Form 3; Plan of Land entitled “Plan to Accompany NOI” dated 1/27/2023

- A. Pilch reported that the applicant had requested a continuance to the meeting on 4/18/2023.
- **U. Nickel made a motion to continue the public hearing for DEP #185-940: #99 Pilgrim Road until the next meeting on 4/18/2023. A. Rutberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.**

A. Rutberg: Aye  
E. Corey: Aye  
U. Nickel: Aye  
N. Smith: Aye  
R. Shansky: Aye  
A. Pilch: Aye

**Public Meeting – Request for Determination of Applicability for #D-727: #600 Central Street (Assessors Map 9-4-62)** for proposed access road and battery energy storage facility – *TRC Companies*, representing *BWC Bogastow Brook, LLC*

**Documents:** WPA Form 1: Plan of Land entitled “Conceptual Site Layout Sketch” dated July 2022

- A. Pilch reported that the applicant had requested a continuance to the next meeting on 4/4/2023.
- **A. Rutberg made a motion to continue the public meeting for #D-727: #600 Central Street until the next meeting on 4/4/2023. U. Nickel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.**

A. Rutberg: Aye  
E. Corey: Aye  
U. Nickel: Aye  
N. Smith: Aye  
R. Shansky: Aye  
A. Pilch: Aye

**Public Hearing – Notice of Intent for DEP #185-931: 1485 Washington Street (Assessors Map 5-3-59.1)** for second story addition and drainage system, replacement of pavement, and restoration of altered buffer zone – *CDW Consultants*, representing *Brian Donoghue, AnyFence Co.*

**Documents:** WPA Form 3; Plan set for 1485 Washington Street, dated 8/9/2022 (rev. 10/18/2022); Stormwater Management Report dated 8/9/2022 (rev. 10/12/2022); letter from CDW Consultants re: Notice of Intent – AnyFence Co.

- A. Pilch noted that the Commission has just received the peer review comments for this project today. To give the Commission and the applicant time to review, the applicant has requested a continuance to the hearing on 4/4/2023.
- **U. Nickel made a motion to continue the public hearing for DEP #185-931: #1485 Washington Street until the next meeting on 4/4/2023. E. Corey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.**

A. Rutberg: Aye  
E. Corey: Aye  
U. Nickel: Aye  
N. Smith: Aye

R. Shansky: Aye  
A. Pilch: Aye

**Public Hearing – Notice of Intent for DEP #185-928: “0” Bartzak Drive (Assessors Map 14-4-21.4)** for proposed construction of a solar power generation system and associated site work – *Beals Associates*, representing *John Clifford, Bartzak PV, LLC*

**Documents:** WPA Form 3; Plan Set entitled “Plans to Accompany Permit Documents for Large-Scale Solar Power Generation System, 0 Bartzak Drive, Holliston, Massachusetts” dated 7/27/2022, “Tree Inventory Plan” dated 7/27/2022; letter from Beals Associates, Inc., dated 10/7/2022; Preliminary Vernal Pool Assessment, 0 Bartzak Drive, Holliston MA, from Oxbow Associates, Inc., dated 12/8/2022

- A. Pilch noted that this hearing had already been continued to 4/4/2023.

**U. Nickel made a motion to adjourn at 8:21 PM. N. Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.**

A. Rutberg: Aye  
E. Corey: Aye  
U. Nickel: Aye  
N. Smith: Aye  
R. Shansky: Aye  
A. Pilch: Aye

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