

Holliston Conservation Commission

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Via Remote Participation

June 6, 2023

7:30 PM

Present: Ann Marie Pilch, Chair; Allen Rutberg, Vice Chair; Utah Nickel, Rebecca Weissman, Commissioners
Ryan Clapp, Conservation Agent

Absent: Eilish Corey, Nicole Smith, Commissioners; Richard Shansky, Alternate Commissioner

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

Public Hearings/Public Meetings

Public Hearing – Notice of Intent for DEP #185-941: near #542 & #526 Winter Street for proposed culvert replacement – *AP Associates*, representing *Sean Reese, Holliston Department of Public Works*

Documents: WPA Form 3; Plan set entitled “Construction Drawings for Culvert Replacements, Various Locations, Holliston, Massachusetts” revised 5/1/2023, “Culvert Replacements, Response to MassDEP Review Comments” dated May 23, 2023; Culvert Pipe Sizes, Existing vs. Proposed Design, April 2023

- A. Parand reviewed the evaluation of the stream crossing standards for this site. This project meets all standards except for openness and type of culvert. Due to the type of culvert, these standards cannot be met.
- **A. Rutberg made a motion to close the public hearing for DEP #185-941: near #542 & #526 Winter Street. R. Weissman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.**
 - A. Rutberg:** Aye
 - U. Nickel:** Aye
 - R. Weissman:** Aye
 - A. Pilch:** Aye
- R. Clapp reviewed draft conditions with the Commission. Conditions included a prohibition on work when precipitation is forecasted, installing a backup by-pass pump, maintaining the drainage system, and requiring work to only be done during low-flow periods.
- **A. Rutberg made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions for DEP #185-941: near #542 & #526 Winter Street. U. Nickel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.**
 - A. Rutberg:** Aye
 - U. Nickel:** Aye
 - R. Weissman:** Aye
 - A. Pilch:** Aye

Public Hearing – Notice of Intent for DEP #185-943: near #78 & #95 Turner Road for proposed culvert replacement – *AP Associates*, representing *Sean Reese, Holliston Department of Public Works*

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- A. Parand reviewed the evaluation of the stream crossing standards for this site. This project meets all standards except for openness and type of culvert. Due to the type of culvert, these standards cannot be met.
- R. Clapp noted that he has been contacted by a resident who expressed concerns about a previous flood. R. Walker informed him that the flood she was referring to was the flood that collapsed the culvert. R. Clapp noted that she was reaching out to the Traffic Advisory Committee about reorganizing Turner Road, but that project is not in front of the Commission at this time.
- **U. Nickel made a motion to close the public hearing for DEP #185-943: near #78 & #95 Turner Road until the next meeting on 5/30/2023. A. Rutberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.**
 - A. Rutberg:** Aye
 - U. Nickel:** Aye
 - R. Weissman:** Aye
 - A. Pilch:** Aye
- **U. Nickel made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions for DEP #185-943: near #78 & #95 Turner Road. A. Rutberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.**

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Drafted for the Commission by: Ryan Clapp

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A. Rutberg: Aye
U. Nickel: Aye
R. Weissman: Aye
A. Pilch: Aye

Public Hearing – Notice of Intent for DEP #185-944: near #72 & #73 Water Street for proposed culvert replacement – *AP Associates*, representing *Sean Reese, Holliston Department of Public Works*

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- A. Parand reviewed the evaluation of the stream crossing standards for this site. This project meets all standards.
- **R. Weissman made a motion to close the public hearing for DEP #185-944: near #72 & #73 Water Street. A. Rutberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.**

A. Rutberg: Aye
U. Nickel: Aye
R. Weissman: Aye
A. Pilch: Aye
- **R. Weissman made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions for DEP #185-944: near #72 & #73 Water Street. A. Rutberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.**

A. Rutberg: Aye
U. Nickel: Aye
R. Weissman: Aye
A. Pilch: Aye

Public Hearing – Notice of Intent for DEP #185-945: near #10 Bald Hill Road & #425 Winter Street for proposed culvert replacement – *AP Associates*, representing *Sean Reese, Holliston Department of Public Works*

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- A. Parand reviewed the evaluation of the stream crossing standards for this site. This project meets all standards except for openness and type of culvert. Due to the type of culvert, these standards cannot be met.
- **A. Rutberg made a motion to close the public hearing for DEP #185-945: near #10 Bald Hill Road & #425 Winter Street. R. Weissman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.**

A. Rutberg: Aye
U. Nickel: Aye
R. Weissman: Aye
A. Pilch: Aye

- **A. Rutberg made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions for DEP #185-945: near #10 Bald Hill Road & #425 Winter Street Street. U. Nickel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.**

A. Rutberg: Aye
U. Nickel: Aye
R. Weissman: Aye
A. Pilch: Aye

Public Hearing – Notice of Intent for DEP #185-946: near #89 & #92 Arch Street for proposed culvert replacement – *AP Associates*, representing *Sean Reese, Holliston Department of Public Works*

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- A. Parand reviewed the evaluation of the stream crossing standards for this site. This project meets all standards.
- **U. Nickel made a motion to close the public hearing for DEP #185-946: near #89 & #92 Arch Street. A. Rutberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.**

A. Rutberg: Aye
U. Nickel: Aye
R. Weissman: Aye
A. Pilch: Aye

- **U. Nickel made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions for DEP #185-946: near #89 & #92 Arch Street Street. R. Weissman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.**

A. Rutberg: Aye
U. Nickel: Aye
R. Weissman: Aye
A. Pilch: Aye

A. Rutberg made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 PM. U. Nickel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

A. Rutberg: Aye
U. Nickel: Aye
R. Weissman: Aye
A. Pilch: Aye

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