

Holliston Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Town Hall . Meeting Room #014

August 18, 2015

7:30 PM

Present: Allen Rutberg, Chair; Ann Marie Pilch, Vice-Chair; Chris Bajdek, Shaw Lively, Jim McGrath, David Schroder, Commissioners; Emily Kingston, Associate Commissioner

Charles Katuska, Conservation Agent
Sheri O'Brien, Conservation Assistant

Absent: Rebecca Weissman, Commissioner

Allen Rutberg, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:34 PM.

General Business

Request for Plan Change Review for DEP File #185-767: 1419 Washington Street – Scott Mayo/Mayo Excavating representing Brian Sweeney

Present: Scott Mayo, Excavating Contractor

Scott Mayo presented an annotated plan (original date 4/14/2015) with proposed changes to the plan. In addition to removing the proposed garage at the April 28, 2015 ConCom meeting, Mr. Sweeney is now proposing not to pave the driveway and to leave it as the current existing gravel driveway. They would also like to eliminate the rain gardens, because the driveway will no longer be paved. In order to install the rain garden to the left of the house, two trees would have to be eliminated. The Commission agreed that these changes were acceptable.

Mr. Schroder made a motion to accept the plan changes for DEP File #185-767: 1419 Washington Street as an administrative update to the file. Mr. Bajdek seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)

Review Rogers Road Farm Conservation Restriction

The Conservation Restriction is in the process of being reviewed.

Review New Hires for Temporary Clerk Positions

Sharon Magnolo started today to assist with the file organization process. The second clerk that was supposed to start today found another job; therefore, the work will only be done with one clerk.

Review Mail

- The mail was reviewed.
- An invoice was received from Town Counsel for \$863.66 for review of extension of deadlines and correspondence for 194 Lowland Street. The invoice was signed.

Vote on Issuance of Order of Conditions for DEP File #185-797: "0" Underwood Street/Katie's Way (aka White Pine Estates II) Connorstone Engineering, Inc. representing Steve O'Leary/O'Leary Builders, Inc

Dr. Rutberg and Mr. McGrath submitted affidavits regarding their review of the public hearing evidence from the August 4, 2015 Conservation Commission meeting.

The representative and applicant were not present. The Commission reviewed the three changes that were requested at the previous Commission meeting on the new plan dated August 10, 2015. These changes were: 1) extension of grading of paved swale, so that it goes more directly into the detention basin, 2) changed plantings to those that are more appropriate for deeper water areas, and 3) the rain gardens will be seeded with the appropriate wetland seed mix.

An additional condition will be added to the Order of Conditions regarding the need for 3 concrete bound markers on the 50qno-disturb line. These bounds are not indicated on the plan but will be required behind one lot.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to approve and issue the Order of Conditions for DEP File #185-797: "0" Underwood Street/Katie's Way (aka White Pine Estates II). Mr. McGrath seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)

Public Meetings and Hearings

****New Public Meeting – Request for Determination of Applicability for #D-549: 14 Temi Road (Assessors Map 11 Block 8, Lot 262) proposed addition to single family home - Thomas & Julie Stevens**

Present: Tom Stevens, Applicant/Owner and Jim Britton, Contractor

The Agent read the legal notice published in the *MetroWest Daily News* on August 11, 2015.

Mr. Stevens presented an annotated plan dated 8/5/15 for the proposed 16 x 10qaddition, which will be over an existing patio. The addition will actually be shorter in depth than the patio and will be placed on a slab. Jarr Brook is at the rear of their property. No work will be done within

the 50-foot no-disturb zone. The 100-foot buffer zone line runs through the middle of the addition, but the addition will be over the existing patio. No additional impervious surfaces will be added to the area. Project access will be around the end of the house. Erosion controls will be installed and construction materials will be stored outside the 100-foot buffer zone.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to issue the following Determinations for RFD #D-549: 14 Temi Road:

Positive #2B Determination: the boundaries of the wetlands resource areas are NOT confirmed as accurate;

Positive #5 Determination: the work is subject to review by the Holliston Conservation Commission pursuant to the Holliston Wetlands ByLaw (Article XXX); and

Negative #3 Determination: the work is within the Buffer Zone, but will not alter an Area subject to protection under the Act, therefore, the work does not require a Notice of Intent.

Conditions:

- 1) **AUTHORIZED WORK.** This Determination of Applicability applies only to work associated with the replacement of the existing failed septic system at 56 Paul Road as shown on the project plan referenced in part A.1. Any work not covered by this Determination (i) within 100 feet of any mapped wetland as shown on the plans; (ii) within any area subject to the 100 year flood elevation; or (iii) within 200 feet of a perennial stream or river; will require a separate filing. Any other activity proposed within said areas subject to jurisdiction of the Commission shall require coordination with the Conservation Commission (508-429-0607) and may require the filing of an additional Request for Determination of Applicability or a Notice of Intent prior to the commencement of said activity. Any impacts on wetland resource areas associated with such additional activities will take into consideration the cumulative impacts of such activities as well as those associated with this filing.
- 2) **EROSION CONTROL BARRIER.** Erosion control barrier must be installed between the construction area and Jarr Brook prior to any tree removals or land disturbance for construction of the addition. Conservation Commission office must be notified (508-429-0607) following installation of the erosion control barrier so that it may be inspected prior to the start of work. Erosion controls are to be maintained onsite in functional condition until all areas disturbed for construction are fully restabilized with vegetation.
- 3) **PROJECT ACCESS.** Project access will be around the ends of the house into the back yard.
- 4) **STOCKPILING.** Construction materials will be temporarily stored outside the 100-foot buffer zone.
- 5) **FERTILIZERS/PESTICIDES/HERBICIDES.** Fertilizers utilized for landscaping and lawn care shall be low phosphate content, slow-release variety, and shall be used in moderation. Pesticides and herbicides shall not be used within 100 feet of the wetland resource area. This condition is intended to apply in perpetuity and will survive the expiration of this Determination of Applicability.

Mr. Lively seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)

General Business Continued

Hanlon Street Driveway Issue

Dr. Rutberg noted that a driveway being constructed on Hanlon Street near the Hopkinton line was eroding tonight. The Agent will inspect the site.

Pescatore Trial

The Agent met with the attorney regarding the Pescatore trial this morning. Mr. Pescatore claims that the town's drainage has made his land undevelopable. The trial was postponed until August 31, 2015.

At 8:20 PM, Mr. Lively made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Pilch seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)

The next Conservation Commission meeting will be:

Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 7:30 PM; Lower Level Meeting Room #014

Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 7:30 PM; Lower Level Meeting Room #014