

Holliston Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Town Hall . Meeting Room #014

September 20, 2016
7:00 PM

Present: Chris Bajdek, Chair; Emily Kingston, Vice-Chair; Jennifer Buttaro, Shaw Lively, Allen Rutberg, Rebecca Weissman (arrived at 7:15), Commissioners Sheri O'Brien, Conservation Agent

Absent: Ann Marie Pilch, Commissioner

Mr. Bajdek, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Interview Conservation Assistant Candidate

The Commission interviewed Kristin O'Brien for the Conservation Assistant Position:

- Kristin O'Brien has 3 months experience in Sherborn where she worked during another's maternity leave.
- She has a recommendation letter from her supervisor in Sherborn.
- Experience as a Board Member for the Worcester County Conservation District.
- Available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, but will need to give 2 weeks notice at Russell's Garden Center in order to work Thursdays.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion: 48 Central Street - Replacement Fence over Culverted Stream - W. Givens

- Owner requested deferral and will call Ms. O'Brien when ready to submit a plot plan.

Discussion: Emergency Certificate for 94 Brook Street House Fire Damage to Wetlands – Mike Harrington/FRE Construction Co.

Present for the applicant: Alex Gow, Fafard R.E.

- Remove invasives and replant with wetland shrubs and seed mix.
- Rodeo (not Round-Up) may be used to paint stumps.
- Winterberry holly, blueberries, witch hazel may be added as native shrubs.
- Some trees marked with orange flagging by Ms. O'Brien will be removed from wetlands
- 90% of debris was removed (by hand). Most of the debris was the roof of the house.
- Mr. Gow said that Wellington from their contract landscaping company would be available next week on site, so that Ms. O'Brien can review planting plan.

Dr. Rutberg made a motion allow the ratification of the Emergency Certificate for 94 Brook Street. Ms. Buttaro seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)

Discussion: Removal of Enforcement Order for the Well Removal at Lot 36 Old Cart Path - Peter Lavoie/Guerriere & Halnon

Present for the applicant: Alex Gow, Fafard R.E.

- Mr. Gow is willing to try jute matting and reseed the eroded slope that was installed after the Enforcement Order was issued to remove the well.
- Fafard can hand water the hydroseeded grass before 9:00 am and after 5:00 pm per Sean Reese, DPW Director.
- Also Lot 6 Concord Street
 - Agent had e-mailed M. Harrington & P. Lavoie regarding the fact that the silt fence needed repairs. The repairs have been made; however, there is a gap in the silt fence for equipment access. This gap needs to be closed.
 - Stockpile near 100qbuffer zone to be cleaned up.
 - Mr. Gow agreed to correct the above at Lot 6 Concord Street.

Request for Certificate of Compliance for DEP File #185-804: 1146 Washington Street – David Lindahl

- Grass has not grown. Mostly weeds and dirt. Has not been mowed.
- Erosion & silt has washed over straw wattle . needs to be cleaned up.
- Straw wattle needs to be replaced in the wash over area.
- Sump pump hose into wetland is an issue. Need small drainage sump swale for drainage hose.
- Ms. O'Brien to contact owners' attorney to ask for re-seeding, explain watering policy (by hand before 9:00 am and after 5:00 pm), clean up of eroded silt that went over the straw wattle, and installation of the stone swale for the sump pump hose.

Request for Certificate of Compliance for DEP File # 185-815: 45 Christopher Rd - Green Hill Engineering representing Nicole Labranche

- The requested yard waste/woody debris removal was incomplete
- There are still Logs and a Christmas tree in the water/wetlands.
- Commission asked that the applicant either have the rest of the debris removed or put in a wetland bound and plaque.
- The hope is to prevent future encroachment.

Discussion: Brooksmont Meadows Open Space Residential Development - DEP File #185-773 - Proposal to change pavement to gravel and remove infiltrators - Skip Kelleher

Present for the applicant: Skip Kelleher

- Mr. Kelleher is in the process of acquiring property from Dennis Morgan
- Wants to eliminate infiltrators in driveway and use porous gravel surface instead
- Mr. Kelleher will look at Stormwater Management Calculations again.
 - Mr. Badjdek requested update of the peer review.
- Mr. Kelleher to review the background. He explained that Schofield has been sold since Dean Schofield has retired and it has been difficult to obtain all of the records.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC MEETINGS

****New Public Meeting - Request for Determination of Applicability for #D-580: 69 Christopher Road (Assessors Map 1-1-14)** proposed replacement septic system - *CIVILized Solutions* representing *Kathleen Hogan*

Present for the applicant: Eric Dickinson, CIVILized Solutions

- The reading of the legal notice advertised in the *MetroWest Daily News* on September 13, 2016 was waived by Mr. Dickinson.
- Mr. Dickinson presented a plan dated September 6, 2016.
- This is a failed system . proposed Elgen system that will mounded
- No stockpile due to proximity to the wetlands.
- Location in front was not an option due to utilities in the way.
- Failed system to stay in place.
- Maple tree to be removed.
- Property is under agreement.
- The Commission asked that the large rubber mats under the swing be removed as they are not pervious.
- The Commission asked that the woody debris in 50' buffer zone be removed.
- Future woody debris/yard waste/burning piles need to be outside 50' no-touch buffer zone
- Ms. O'Brien reads conditions (+2B, +5, -3) and applicant agrees to the Special Conditions.

Dr. Rutberg made a motion to approve Positive 2B, Positive 5, and Negative 3 determinations for D-580: 69 Christopher Road. Ms. Kingston seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)

****New Public Meeting - Request for Determination of Applicability for #D-581: 492 Washington Street - Cole Court (Assessors Map 11G-3-1)** proposed sealcoating, re-paving of parking lots & sidewalks and associated new drainage structure - *Scott Jordan/EcoTec, Inc.* representing *Holliston Housing Authority*

Present for the applicant: Scott Jordan/ EcoTec; Ken Hodgson/Lenard Engineering

- The reading of the legal notice advertised in the *MetroWest Daily News* on September 13, 2016 was waived.
- Mr. Hodgson presented a plan dated September 17, 2016.
- Most of the work for this proposal is necessary maintenance:
 - Some new pavement needed, sidewalks are being replaced
 - The main part of the parking lot is being sealed.
 - Re-align concreted sidewalk pads at entrance to most buildings

- New drainage improvements . an in-line particle separator is being added to help prevent unwanted contaminants from reaching the wetlands
- Raise manhole cover
- hay bale protection
- Annual clean out will be added as a Condition for the drainage system
- Oil separator function was discussed.
- No work will be done in the back parking lot.
- Ms. O'Brien read conditions (+2B, +5, -3, with special conditions including particle separator and annual maintenance).
- Applicant hopes to bid the contract out so that it can be done this year.

Ms. Kingston made a motion to approve Positive 2B, Positive 5, and Negative 3 Determinations for D-581: 492 Washington Street - Cole Court. Dr. Rutberg seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)

****New Public Meeting - Request for Determination of Applicability for #D-582: 66 Elm Street (Assessors Map 8A-3-2) proposed clearing/landscaping - Thomas Lamont**

Present for the applicant: Tom Lamont, Owner

- The reading of the legal notice published in the *MetroWest Daily News* on September 13, 2016 was waived by the applicant.
- Started clearing vegetation from part of the yard without permission. This RFD is to allow the clearing of the overgrown vegetation and to remove the dead and almost dead trees.
- Would like to plant a new lawn where it has all been overtaken by invasive plants.
- Scott Mayo set straw wattle erosion control after asked to stop clearing the area.
- Conditions:
 - Add silt fence at the top of the bank of the Winthrop Canal
 - Use hand clearing within 20' of the canal bank
 - Add loam and re-seed the lawn area, except as noted below
 - Plant a 10' buffer with a wildflower conservation mix.

Dr. Rutberg made a motion to approve Positive 2B, Positive 5, and Negative 3 Determinations for D-582: 66 Elm Street. Ms. Weissman seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)

****Public Meeting - Request to Amend the Order of Conditions for DEP File #185-730: 45 & 41 Pleasant Street (Assessors Map 8E-4-17 & 18) proposal to modify proposed drainage structures, drainage easement location, and to remove trees/landscape – Tom Smith, Superintendent/Holliston Highway Department & Skip Kelleher**

Present for the applicant: Tom Smith

- The reading of the legal notice published in the *MetroWest Daily News* on September 13, 2016 was waived by the applicant.

- Address is 35 and 41, not 45 & 41 Pleasant Street as noted above
- Mr. Smith discussed the drainage:
 - Old Clay Pipe collapsed, will replace with 18" plastic pipe
 - Move pipe location to accommodate new house with the addition of garage at 41 Pleasant Street.
 - The drainage easement location and width will change.
 - New sketch plan dated September 8, 2016 submitted by Mr. Smith. A manhole will be added.
 - Remove brush out to the headwall at Austin Brook to facilitate the aligning of the pipe
- Landscape maintenance:
 - Remove brush . trees as noted, per Annotated Sketch Plan dated September 20, 2016, submitted by S. Kelleher
 - Leave hardwood trees
 - New lawn to be added behind septic, then transition to wildflower seed mix
 - Reviewed photos on iPad . Mr. Kelleher sent his photos to Ms. O'Brien
 - Applicant added line to plan to indicate transition zone (wildflower zone)
 - Applicant to add 2 or 3 wetlands boundary marker and plaques to transition area line.

Dr. Rutberg made a motion to close the public hearing for the Amended Order of Conditions for DEP File #185-730: 35 & 41 Pleasant Street. Ms. Kingston seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)

Dr. Rutberg made a motion to approve the Amended Order of Conditions for DEP File #185-730: 35 & 41 Pleasant Street. Ms. Weissman seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)

The following two Public Meetings were considered simultaneously:

Continued Public Meeting - Request for Determination of Applicability for #D-576: 194 Lowland Street (Assessors Map 9-2-57.1) proposed removal of compost and earth products - *George F. Connors, Esq.* representing *Michael Brumber*

Continued Public Meeting - Request for Determination of Applicability for #D-577: 194 Lowland Street (Assessors Map 9-2-57.1) proposed removal of recycled asphalt materials - *George F. Connors, Esq.* representing *Michael Brumber*

Present for the applicant: No representatives were present.

- Cease and Desist Order from the Town is still in place

Ms. Kingston made a motion to continue these 2 public meetings for: D-576: 194 Lowland Street and D-577: 194 Lowland Street to October 4, 2016. Mr. Lively seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)

GENERAL BUSINESS Continued

Conservation Assistant Candidate

The Commission discussed Kristin O'Brien as the Conservation Assistant and would like her to start as soon as possible.

Dr. Rutberg made a motion to hire Kristin O'Brien as the Conservation Assistant, starting as soon as possible. Ms. Buttaro seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)

Vote on Draft Meeting Minutes - 9/6/16

- Minutes tabled to next meeting

Discussion RE: 242 Lowland Street

A complaint was received at DEP regarding 242 Lowland Street. Ms. O'Brien viewed the property from the street today. There has been clearing along the road and an old fence has been removed. Ms. O'Brien has an appointment with the owner of 242 Lowland Street on Thursday to review the property to determine if there are a wetland concerns.

At 10:04 PM, Dr. Rutberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Kingston seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)

The next Conservation Commission meetings will be:

- ∞ **Tuesday, October 4, 2016** at 7:30 PM; Lower Level Meeting Room #014
- ∞ **Tuesday, October 18, 2016** at 7:30 PM; Lower Level Meeting Room #014