

## Holliston Conservation Commission

### Meeting Minutes

Town Hall- Meeting Room #014

July 25, 2017

7:30 PM

Present: Shaw Lively, Blake M. Mensing, Ann Marie Pilch, Allen Rutberg, Commissioners  
Sheri O'Brien, Conservation Agent; Kristin O'Brien, Conservation Assistant

Absent: Chris Bajdek, Chair; Rebecca Weissman, Vice Chair; Jennifer Buttaro, Commissioner;  
Utah Nickel, Associate Commissioner

**Ann Marie Pilch, Commissioner, opened the meeting at 7:33 PM.**

### General Business

#### **Re-Sign Corrected Certificate of Compliance for DEP File #185-364B: 5 Forest Park Drive - Marc Wiedenmann**

- Upon selling the home it was discovered that the original Certificate of Compliance (CoC) had several clerical errors; therefore, the buyers have requested a corrected CoC.
- The minutes from the November 2, 1999 meeting clearly state that the Commission issued a complete Certificate of Compliance.
- The Commission signed the corrected CoC.

#### **Request for Certificate of Compliance for DEP File #185-784: 10-12 Fairview Street - Dawn Alexander**

- Ms. S. O'Brien explained a Partial CoC was originally issued since all work had been completed except time was needed for the new plantings and native seed mix to establish, and they are now established.

**Dr. Rutberg made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance for DEP File # 185-784:10-12 Fairview Street. Mr. Mensing seconded the motion. Unanimous. (4-0-0).**

#### **Discussion: Request to Release the Bond for 23 Kingsbury Drive**

- Ms. S. O'Brien told Lou Petrozzi that the bond will not be released until the final As-Built was submitted.
- After visiting the property Ms. S. O'Brien found soil erosion from lawn into the vernal pool buffer zone and into the 100qbuffer zone. The bond clearly states that funds will not be returned until all erosion issues have been fixed in the vernal pool buffer zone.
- There was discussion on language allowing the release of funds in future bonds.
- The Commission agreed that the erosion issues need to be repaired and an As-Built must be submitted before the bonds are released.

#### **Request for Minor Modifications to the Order of Conditions for DEP File #185-783: 53 (Lot 76A) Old Cart Path- Robert Poxon, Guerriere & Halnon**

- Mr. Poxon was present and explained that the new owners of the home requested a smaller house (four bedrooms not five) with a new foot print, which resulted in a smaller septic. All proposed changes are outside the 100qbuffer zone.

**Mr. Lively made a motion to accept the Minor Modifications for the Order of Conditions for DEP File #185-783: 53 (Lot 76A) Old Cart Path. Dr. Rutberg seconded the motion. Unanimous. (4-0-0).**

#### **Discussion: Potential CR for Open Space at 245 Washington Street/Village on the Green**

- At the Planning Board meeting several abutters to 245 Washington St. expressed concern over future development in the wetland area behind the proposed construction.

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- The builder has agreed to draft a Conservation Restriction if the town or Commission would agree to hold it.
- After discussion the Commission agreed they would be interested in holding a CR over the wetlands surrounding the proposed development.

**Discussion: Tree Removal Request at 6 Hillside Drive, Matt Finn**

- Mr. Finn made a request to remove about 15 trees (grey birches and maples) from around his fence/pool area. Several trees are leaning against the fence and over pool area.
- There was discussion on the work required to cut and properly plant native shrubs.
- The Commission agreed he can limb the trees hanging over the fence, but if he wants to remove the trees he must submit a Request for Determination of Applicability.

**Vote on 5/30/17, 6/27/17, 7/11/17 Draft Meeting Minutes**

**Dr. Rutberg made a motion to accept the 05/30/17 minutes. Mr. Lively seconded the motion. Unanimous. (4-0-0).**

**Mr. Mensing made a motion to accept the 06/27/17 minutes. Mr. Lively seconded the motion. Unanimous. (4-0-0).**

**Mr. Lively made a motion to accept the 07/11/17 minutes. Dr. Rutberg seconded the motion. Unanimous. (4-0-0).**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**\*\*New Public Hearing – Request for an Amendment to an Order of Conditions for DEP File #185-816: 657 Concord Street (Assessors Map 14, Block 4, Lots 3) Proposed basement addition and grading alteration – Robert Poxon, Guerriere & Halnon, representing 657 Concord Street Realty LLC**

- Mr. Poxon was present and waived the reading of the legal notice advertised in the *MetroWest Daily News* on July 18, 2017.
- The original Order of Conditions was issued for the removal and replacement of a single family house in the same footprint. The potential new owners have requested a basement be added.
- To accommodate a basement, the grading would have to be altered, extending the limit of work and eliminating the need for a pump chamber and a retention wall around the septic leaching field.
- Seven wetland markers and bounds have been added to plan at the property line. The Commission asked that a roof runoff recharge area be added to the plan.
- Erosion controls and the extent of required fill was discussed.
- Since most of the lot is within the 50qbuffer zone native planting requirements were discussed.
- The Commission required a native shrub planting area along the south side of the drive to the tree line from the end of the driveway to the street. These are to be planted after the well is installed. Mr. Poxon will add it to the plan.
- The Commission will not issue the Amended OoC until the new plan has been submitted.

**Mr. Lively made a motion to close the hearing for the Amended Order of Conditions for DEP File #185-816: 657 Concord Street. Dr. Rutberg seconded the motion. Unanimous. (4-0-0).**

**General Business**

**Discussion: Tree Removal Request at 3 Minuteman Circle, Vijay Kommineni**

- Mr. Kommineni has requested the removal of two trees about 15qfrom his house and within the 50qno-disturb. The trees have been dropping limbs.
- He made this request previously and the Commission required him to submit a professional and independent assessment of the trees before they consider approving their removal.

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- Ms. K. O'Brien stated the trees have some dead limbs, but otherwise seem okay. They were most likely stressed from the construction of the home and are in the process of recovering.
- The Commission agreed the dead limbs can be cut but they still require the assessment before they consider approving tree removal.

#### **Review Correspondence**

- None to review.

#### **Ian Davis Eagle Scout Project Update**

- Master Davis presented his project to the Knox Trail Council committee and they believe that due to the current water conditions the proposed culvert replacement is above Scout ability; however, he was approved to install the kiosk, trail markers, and a floating footbridge.

#### **Strawberry Hill Conservation Land Dumping**

- Mr. Lively went to the property again and found a sign stating it is town land and no motor vehicles are allowed. He proposed replacing it with a sign that includes ~~No~~ Dumping+.
- There was discussion about sign language. Staff will come up with options for the next meeting.

#### **58 Hopping Brook Update**

- The extent of erosion issues and construction that still needs to occur were discussed.
- The work was not completed in accordance to the record plan. Ms. S. O'Brien will speak with the applicant.

**Mr. Lively made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 PM. Mr. Mensing seconded the motion. Unanimous. (4-0-0).**