

## **Holliston Conservation Commission**

**APPROVED Meeting Minutes**  
Town Hall – Meeting Room #014

January 3, 2012  
7:30 PM

Present: Geoffrey Zeamer, Chair; Chris Bajdek, Fred Carnes, Richard Maccagnano, Allen Rutberg, Commissioners

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

Absent: Ann Marie Pilch, Vice-Chair; Peter Rosati, Commissioner

**Mr. Zeamer opened the meeting at 7:36 PM.**

### **General Business**

### **Review/Discuss Mail**

#### **Koshivas Farm on Norfolk Street**

The Koshivas family has received an offer to buy their farm. The best use of the property was determined to be 4 frontage lots on Norfolk Street valued at \$1.2 million. The time frame for right of first refusal has passed; however, the Conservation Commission may be able to work out a Conservation Restriction in the future.

#### **Special Permit Site Review – 100 Central Street**

A proposal for the Central Street Plaza has been submitted. The building is in the 100 buffer zone and no NOI has been submitted to the Commission.

#### **Adams Street Conservation Area Proposed Kiosk - Eagle Scout Project - Logan Ring, Eagle Scout Candidate/Troop 14**

Master Ring determined that the Audubon Society does not have a standard kiosk design, so he proposed a design. Master Ring presented his design with a 4x8' sign with a plexiglass cover. There will also be a covered box to hold trail maps. A large trail map and information on the Fairbanks land and the Town Forest will be presented on the sign. The Commission suggested that the plexiglass be screwed down, not padlocked. The target date to complete the project is around April. Mr. Katuska will send a letter to Master Ring accepting his project proposal so that he can present it to the Boy Scout Council.

**Dr. Rutberg made a motion to approve Master Ring's Eagle Scout proposal project. Mr. Bajdek seconded the motion. Unanimous.**

### **Adams Street Parking Lot/Barrows Contracting Update**

Mr. Barrows will wait until the Spring to see how the parking lot and driveway do over the winter. After the snow melts, it will be determined what work can be done on the driveway. The Barrows should also clean up the boulders that went over the bank.

### **Agent's Report**

The Agent's Report was presented. The following was discussed:

#### **BFI Remediation at 0 Brook Street**

The remediation has been completed. They put down mulch to stabilize the area until spring when grass seed can be planted. It has been a model project with weekly reports.

#### **Rocky Woods/ Wilson Street**

The road is paved and the detention basin has been graded out. The silt fencing is in good shape. They put in landscaping. They need to determine whether the large boulder in the detention basin will change their volume calculations.

#### **ConCom Bylaw and Regulations**

The Commission asked the staff to bring potential changes to the next meeting.

#### **Rail Trail – Hopping Brook Road to South Street**

Mr. Carnes asked if the silt fence should be removed. Ms. O'Brien explained that the Trail Committee wanted to wait until the Spring after they put a final layer of stone dust on the trail. The Commission asked that they come back in before they add more stone dust to the trail.

### **Public Meetings & Hearings**

**\*\*New Public Meeting - Request for Determination #D-467: 35 Dean Road, identified as Holliston Assessors Map 11, Block 8, Lot 35.D, proposal to replace a failed septic system, Daniel McIntyre/McIntyre Engineering and Septic Services, Inc. representing Marie Case**

Mr. Katuska read the legal notice published in the *MetroWest Daily News* on December 27, 2011. Mr. McIntyre presented the plan for the Title V septic system design. The leach field is 77 feet from the wetlands.

**Dr. Rutberg made a motion to issue the following Determinations for RFD #467, 35 Dean Road:**

**Positive #2B Determination: the boundaries of the bordering vegetated wetlands or other resource areas as shown on the plan are NOT confirmed as accurate;**

**Positive #5 Determination: the work is subject to review by the Holliston Conservation Commission pursuant to the Holliston Wetlands Administration 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:**

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- A) Erosion control barrier, as shown on the record plan, must be installed prior to any tree removals, filling, excavation, and/or septic system replacement work. Conservation Commission office must be notified (508-429-0607) following installation of the erosion control barrier. Erosion controls are to be maintained onsite in functional condition until all areas disturbed for septic system reconstruction are fully restabilized with vegetation.
- B) Access way and stockpile locations will be adhered to as indicated on the record plan.
- C) All non-woody debris needs to be removed from the buffer zone.

**Mr. Bajdek seconded the motion. Unanimous.**

**Administrative Hearing: Enforcement Order - DEP #185-628 - 355 Highland Street**  
*Highland Meadows/The Orchards - Gary Ruping/Ruping Companies*

Mr. Ruping was present. General failure to maintain effective erosion control on the property has occurred. Mary Trudeau, Consultant, prepared a report that concurred with silt going into the wetlands from two detention basins and from a swale on the north side of the property. Mr. Ruping explained that they will follow Ms. Trudeau's recommendations. However, the Commission is concerned that Ms. Trudeau is not the stormwater management monitor. Simply following her recommendations will not fix the ongoing issues. Commonwealth Engineering is the on-site inspection group and their last inspection was in June 2011.

The Commission requested that the Ruping Companies create an outline of the steps to correct the ongoing issues, including routine stormwater management as required by EPA. Mr. Ruping explained that the economy has not been kind to them, and they had hoped to be done by now so that this would not be an issue. He would like to pave the road, because he believes that will help the drainage issue. Mr. Ruping will work with Ms. Trudeau to create a plan to fix the erosion issues. The Commission will also present the issue to the DEP and EPA. The Commission and Mr. Ruping agreed that he will outline an action plan to be presented to the Commission in two weeks and to be finalized in 4 weeks.

The Agent expressed his concern that if something is not done to control sediment close to the source right now before it snows, then when the snow melts, there will be a larger mess to clean up in the Spring.

**Administrative Hearing: Enforcement Order - Building Demo at Water Department Well**  
*#4/Washington Street*

Mr. Valovcin, Water Department Operations Manager, Water Commissioner, Dennis Ferreria, and Selectmen Jay Leary and Jay Marsden were present. The building near Well #4 that was demolished was not structurally safe: therefore, Mr. Valovcin had it pushed over while they were doing work on Well #4. Mr. Valovcin took full responsibility for not notifying Ron Sharpin (Water Superintendent/ Facilities Manager) or the Conservation Commission. Cleaning up the building was not high on the Water department's priority list due to the competing priorities. Mr. Ferreira explained that if different Boards have concerns, then the issues should be put in writing, so that there is no chance for issues to go unheard. He also asked that when there is an issue that the complaint is called into the Water Department so that it is logged in by the secretary. Then it will be officially brought to the Water Commission's attention at their next meeting. There is a free standing gas meter on the site. Mr. Valovcin has been told by the gas company that the gas

line is turned off. He will get an official certification from the gas company that the gas has been turned off.

The minimum ConCom fine for this type of issue is between \$0 to \$100/day. Therefore, the average fine would be \$50/day and would be \$700 for 14 days; however, the Commission will not implement the fine due to interdepartmental communication issues.

Mr. Valovcin would like to go on a site visit with the Agent to all of the Wells.

The Emergency Certification and Enforcement Order were ratified by the Commission.

**Continued Public Hearing Notice of Intent DEP #185-719: 2016 Washington Street, identified as Holliston Assessors Map 4, Block 6, Lots 11.1., 11.2, and 12.1, proposal to construct a an access roadway, and to fill and replicate wetlands, Robert Truax/GLM Engineering, Inc. representing Brian McCann/Hill Companies**

The ACOE has not finished reviewing their application; therefore, a request for a continuance to January 17, 2012 was received from the applicant's representative, Robert Truax, GLM Engineering.

**Mr. Carnes made a motion to continue the hearing for DEP File #185-719, 2016 Washington Street to January 17, 2012. Dr. Rutberg seconded the motion. Unanimous.**

**Continued Public Meeting – RFD #D-465: 100 Summer Street, Mission Springs Baseball Field, identified as Holliston Assessors Map 5, Block 1, Lot 4, proposed drainage improvements to baseball field, Jim Stucchi/Ahronian Landscaping representing Parks & Recreation Dept./Town of Holliston**

Jim Stucchi, Ahronian Landscaping, and Kristen Hedrick, Parks and Rec, presented revised plans for drainage improvements at the baseball field. They explained that draining the field via swales into Chicken Brook as suggested by the Commission was not viable due to elevation issues. Therefore, they proposed a 900 square foot rain garden that would alleviate the formation of puddles in the left field. They would also like to scarify and top dress all bare areas with loam and seed (130 x 190' area). There will be no change in flood storage capacity from the existing conditions. The Commission would like the plan's scale and numerical dimensions added to the drawing. The scale is 1 inch = 20 feet. After the work is completed, the Commission would also like an As-Built plan of what they actually did after the work is completed.

**Dr. Rutberg made a motion to continue the Request for Determination of Applicability for #D-465, 100 Summer Street, Mission Springs Baseball Field until January 17, 2012. Mr. Bajdek seconded the motion. Unanimous.**

**At 9:48 PM, Dr. Rutberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bajdek seconded the motion. Unanimous.**

The next Conservation Commission meeting will be Tuesday, January 17, 2012.

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