

Holliston Conservation Commission

Approved Meeting Minutes
Town Hall – Meeting Room #014

July 12, 2011
7:30 PM

Present: Ann Marie Pilch, Vice-Chair; Chris Bajdek, Fred Carnes, Allen Rutberg,
Commissioners

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

Absent: Geoffrey Zeamer, Chair; Richard Maccagnano, Peter Rosati, Commissioners

Ms. Pilch (Vice-Chair) opened the meeting at 7:38 PM.

Agent's Report

The Agent's Report was read (attached) and the following was discussed:

Review/Sign Amended Order of Conditions DEP File #185-712: "0" Brook Street

Chuck Myette from Brown & Caldwell representing BFI, Inc. was present. Laine Realty Trust (Bonnie & Elaine Gossels and Tom Brewer) worked with Mr. Myette last week and were comfortable with the revised planting plans that are included in this Amended Order.

Mr. Rutberg made a motion to approve and issue an Amended Order of Conditions for DEP File # 185-712: "0" Brook Street to remove the original requirement that 12 inches of organic soil will be imported to bring the vernal pool elevation to grade. Mr. Carnes seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Request for Extension of Order of Conditions, DEP #185-600, 93 Lakeshore Drive (septic system replacement) – Christine Knight, owner

Ms. Christine Knight requested an extension to the Order of Conditions for DEP File # 185-600 for the septic system at 93 Lakeshore Drive. The lake has risen due to beaver activity and rain; therefore, the septic installer needs to wait to install the system. Since the Order expires in August 2011, Ms. Knight needs an extension in order to get the septic system complete and stabilized.

Mr. Rutberg made a motion to extend the Order of Conditions for DEP File #186-600, 93 Lakeshore Drive. Mr. Bajdek seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Request for Certificate of Compliance DEP #185-648, Lot 4 Wilson Street, Assessors Map 7 Block 1 Lot 9.4 (work never commenced), South Mill Street LLC

Chris Nation of South Mill Street LLC requested a CoC for DEP File #185-648. His rationale is that work never commenced. No work was completed. He would like to submit a new NOI for a 7 lot subdivision.

Mr. Rutberg made a motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance for DEP #185-648, Lot 4 Wilson Street on the basis that no work ever commenced. Mr. Bajdek seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Request for Certificate of Compliance DEP #185-648A-2, Lot 2 Wilson Street, Assessors Map 7 Block 1 Lot 9.2, South Mill Street LLC

Chris Nation of South Mill Street LLC requested a CoC for DEP #185-648A-2. His rationale is that work never commenced. However, work has started with clearing of the lot in the buffer zone with erosion controls in place. Portions of the lot are unstabilized and there is a partially paved driveway on the lot. He would like to submit a new NOI for a 7 lot subdivision.

The Commission agreed that the new subdivision will need an NOI.

The Commission agreed that prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance, the portion of property cleared in the 100' buffer zone needs to be stabilized (loamed and seeded), and the equipment and stockpiles need to be removed from the 100' buffer zone. **The Agent will instruct Mr. Nation in this regard.**

Update -Emergency Certification for Beaver Dams in the Cross Street/Avery Dennison Area

Mr. Rutberg made a site visit and reviewed the situation at the end of June with Mike Miette of Avery Dennison. Mr. Miette said that the dam that caused the issues last year was submerged by the most recent flooding, but that Avery Dennison could live with the water at the current level. Avery Dennison may change the level of the pump house intake, so that there won't be as many issues in the future. They are more comfortable with the water level now with about 12-18 inches of freeboard under the bridge. Six beavers were trapped, however, the female beaver was not found.

Mr. Katuska will contact Mike Miette regarding whether he would like the Highway Dept. to breach the original 50' dam.

Mr. Katuska will contact Mike Callahan from Beaver Solutions regarding a plan for a pond leveler for the Mission Springs dam.

Inter-Departmental Referral from Planning: Site Plan & Special Permit – 157 Lowland Street, M. Brumber; (outdoor storage and processing of construction materials)

Mr. Brumber would like to build an ABC reprocessing facility (Asphalt, Brick & Concrete). The property backs up to Bogastow Brook. The current sedimentation pond is within filled wetlands. A large portion of the property is in the 200' riparian zone. Activity at the site

previously had a similar use, but the use has lapsed for a number of years. The Commission has strong concerns regarding whether the previous activity as an asphalt plant is still permitted. Mr. Carnes believes it may have stopped 3 or 4 years ago. The Commission believes that there is no Order of Conditions on the property. Since the property is in the 200' riparian zone, the Commission believes that an NOI will be necessary for any work that will be done.

The Agent will investigate the following:

Is the use still valid under a Special Permit?

What is the history/timing of the sedimentation pond?

Was there Potential wetland filing for South end of site?

The stormwater management is inadequate.

Research any historical files on this site.

Inter-Departmental Referral from Planning: Site Plan & Special Permit – 0 Wilson Street, South Mill St. LLC, (Rocky Woods residential subdivision)

The Commission agreed that an NOI will be required for the new 7 lot subdivision.

Review/Discuss Mail

The mail was reviewed.

MACC Annual Membership Dues Invoice

Mr. Rutberg made a motion to approve the MACC invoice for \$448.00. Mr. Bajdek seconded the motion. Unanimous.

65 Church Street – Herbicide Use for Knotweed Along the Winthrop Canal

Tree Specialists requested guidance on using the Rodeo herbicide approved for wetlands for Knotweed along the banks of the Winthrop Canal. (The aquatic weedkiller, Dow Agro Sciences Rodeo® is non-specific so it kills everything, but it degrades quickly. *Note from after meeting:* Rodeo® is glyphosphate, which is the same chemical used in RoundUp®, except RoundUp® contains a detergent, so it cannot be used for aquatic use.) Mr. Katuska made a site inspection with the property owner, Rose Fidel.

The Commission agreed that a Request for Determination of Applicability is required. The Commission would like more information on foliar application and follow up maintenance of the Japanese Knotweed.

Tree Removal on Central Street at The Wine House, 76 Central Street

The Agent gave the owners of The Wine House permission to remove the silver maple tree that was not along the Winthrop Canal. Mr. Katuska advised the owners not to remove the two trees right next to the canal until they file an application for his expansion of The Wine House.

At 8:41 PM, Mr. Rutberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Carnes seconded the motion. Unanimous.

The next Conservation Commission meeting will be Tuesday, July 26th, 2011.

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