

## **Holliston Conservation Commission**

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

November 27, 2012  
7:30 PM

Present: Allen Rutberg, Chair; Ann Marie Pilch, Vice-Chair; Chris Bajdek, Richard Maccagnano, Jim McGrath, Rebecca Weissman, Commissioners

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

Absent: Shaw Lively, Commissioner

**Allen Rutberg opened the meeting at 7:34 PM.**

### **General Business**

#### **Discussion RE: Girl Scout Troop 73786 Proposal to use Conservation Land for a Letterboxing Trail**

The Girl Scouts found 13 spots for the letterboxes and marked them A – M along the Frank Rees trail behind the Miller Intermediate Elementary School. They presented a map with photos of the locations. They would like to create a map with greater detail, clean the trail of storm damage, and cut back underbrush. They will present the whole package before placing letterboxes on the trail. Each box will have a clue for the next letterbox, and stamps to mark their notebooks. This is similar to geocaching.

They asked for guidance regarding cutting back the underbrush near the pond to ensure they didn't cut anything they shouldn't cut down. They will also pick up anything that has fallen on the trail. They plan on passing down this letterboxing trail to their younger sister troop and hope that it will be passed down through the years. The Commission is in full support of the Girl Scouts' letterboxing trail.

#### **Conservation Restrictions for Highlands at Holliston and Winter Court**

The Agent presented the plans for the Conservation Restrictions for Highlands at Holliston. The Commission discussed which parcels they might want under the Conservation Commission. The Water Department may be interested in one of the parcels. The Commission asked that the large 20 acre parcel (Parcel J) be restored and Donald Seaburg (Benchmark Engineering), representing Fafard, agreed that this would be restored and revegetated. Parcels A, B and C on Old Cart Path near Route 126 are the areas that Mr. Seaburg is interested in getting approved at this time.

Mr. Seaburg will provide a set of plans to the Commission office so that a site visit can be made to review the potential Conservation Restrictions.

## **Public Meetings & Hearings**

**\*\*New Public Meeting - Request for Determination of Applicability - #496: 229 Lowland Street identified as Holliston Assessors Map 9, Block 3, Lot 7, proposal to remediate ~100 cubic yards of VOC-contaminated soils., Dawn Horter/Capaccio Environmental Engineering, Inc. representing Photofabrication Engineering, Inc.**

Mr. Katuska read the legal notice published in the *MetroWest Daily News* on November 6, 2012. Ms. Horter, LSP, presented an engineering plan for the remediation site. The VOC contamination was reduced after remediation in 2007. There is still a smaller 15' x 15' x 15' area of contamination that needs to be removed. The area is in the flood plain; therefore, the area will be restored to the existing grade.

**Ms. Pilch a motion to issue the following Determinations for RFD #D-496, 229 Lowland Street:**

**Positive #2B Determination:** the boundaries of the bordering vegetated wetlands 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 #2 Determination:** the work is within an area subject to protection under the Act, but will not remove, fill, dredge, or alter that Area, therefore, the work does not require a Notice of Intent.

**Conditions:**

- 1) Holliston Conservation Commission to be notified of work start date by telephone (508-249-0607) not less than 48 hours prior to work start.
- 2) Any excavated soil stockpiled on-site to be protected with perimeter erosion control barrier OR covered with 6-mil polyethylene plastic sheeting at all times until removal from the site.
- 3) Excavation area to be repaved at existing grade immediately following completion of the site remediation activity.
- 4) Prior to the commencement of work, the Holliston Water Department (508-429-0603) shall be notified about this project.

**Mr. McGrath seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)**

## **General Discussion Continued**

### **CR for Balancing Rock**

The Conservation for Balancing Rock was reviewed by the Commission one last time.

**Ms. Pilch made a motion to approve the CR for Balancing Rock and to authorize the Agent to sign it as the Commission's representative. Mr. Bajdek seconded the motion. Mr. McGrath abstained. The motion passed. (5-0-1)**

### **Discussion RE: Lake Winthrop CPC Project**

A preliminary report has been received by ESS regarding the invasive species survey. It needs to be reviewed and commented upon. A sediment sampling proposal has been received. Depending on the results of the sediment sampling, a decision will be made on whether fish sampling for mercury and dioxin will need to be completed.

### **High School Intern**

Marc Bowles has been very productive in helping the office with the website and fact sheets.

### **Discussion RE: Donation of Rosenfeld Land at the End of Harness Lane**

The Agent and Marc Bowles visited the site with Abe Rosenfeld. Mr. Rosenfeld would like to donate the land to the town before the end of the year. The perc pipes, 10 gallon pails, and other debris were cleared off the property last week. The Planning Board recommended 3 additional bounds along one of the property lines. The Commission will review the draft Deed and vote on the Deed at the next meeting on December 18, 2012.

### **Trail Map for Adams Street Conservation Land**

New England Mountain Biking Association is coordinating with Jonathan Redus to mark the trails in Adams Street Parking Lot.

### **Review Mail**

The mail was reviewed.

### **Automatic Extension via the Permit Extension Act for Order of Conditions for DEP File #185-628: 353 & 377 Highland St/Highland Meadows/Ruping Companies**

This Determination of Applicability was signed and issued by the Commission for another 4 years as required by the Permit Extension Act.

### **Meeting RE: Enforcement Order, 755 Concord Street - Mostafa Qergach**

Mr. Qergach plans to bring in an engineering plan with topography and his plans for his indoor riding ring and paddocks to the Conservation Commission meeting on December 18, 2012.

### **Potential Violation, Holliston Sportsman Club, Bullard Street, Map 9, Block 4, Lot 41**

A complaint has been received regarding the possible construction of a new shooting range "berm" near wetlands. The Commission asked the Agent to call the Sportsman's Club and inquire about what they are doing.

**Executive Session:** DEP File No. 185-729, Lot 6 Concord Street (Revised Fencing Proposal) - *126 Residential ANR Realty*

DEP File No. 185-722, 94 Brook Street (Judgment) – *Holliston Residential Realty, LLC*

**No new information has been received; therefore, this Executive Session did not occur.**

**At 8:59 PM, Mr. Maccagnano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McGrath seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)**

The next Conservation Commission meeting will be Tuesday, December 18, 2012.

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**Issued by: Sheri D. O'Brien**

**Approved by Commission: 01-29-13**

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