

Holliston Conservation Commission

APPROVED Meeting Minutes
Town Hall – Meeting Room #014

January 17, 2012
7:30 PM

Present: Ann Marie Pilch, Vice-Chair; Chris Bajdek, Fred Carnes, Richard Maccagnano (left meeting from 8:23 to 8:51 PM), Allen Rutberg, Commissioners

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

Absent: Geoffrey Zeamer, Chair; Peter Rosati, Commissioner

Ms. Pilch opened the meeting at 7:35 PM.

General Business

Review/Discuss Mail

The mail was reviewed.

Agent's Report

An Agent's Report was not presented tonight. The following was discussed:

Adams Street Parking Lot

There was discussion regarding whether there should be a trash can at the parking lot. The Commission preferred that a "Pack In, Pack Out" sign be added to the kiosk.

Eagle Scout Project – Jonathan Redus

Another Scout has come forward and would like to mark the trails in the Adams Street area for his Eagle Scout project.

Rail Trail Project

The Trail Committee would like to put stone dust on the top of the recycled asphalt. The Agent will talk to Robert Weidknecht about the stone dust placement as some of the Commission has concerns about it.

Mudville Drainage Improvement – Phase 2

The Highway Dept and the Agent are working on an NOI for this project. The Agent told Tom Smith not to proceed with any clearing at this time.

32 Arch Street

The Winthrop Canal is seriously flooding Nat Simkins' backyard. Mr. Simkins is concerned that no work has been done to clear the canal in recent years. The Agent explained that the Highway Department cannot clear the canal without an NOI. The Agent and the Highway Department are planning on putting together a "generic" NOI that would allow streams and culverts to be cleaned by the Holliston Highway Department.

Lake Winthrop Clean-Up

As the Commission's liaison, Ms. O'Brien hopes to meet with Carl Nielsen, Lake Consultant, and the Lake Winthrop Watershed Association on January 23rd or 24th.

Laptop Purchase

A new laptop will need to be purchased for \$527.99 as the old laptop is not repairable.

Draft FY13 Budget

A draft FY13 budget was presented using FinCom guidelines. The Commission will be asked to vote on the budget on 1/31/12 so that it can be presented to the Selectmen on February 13th.

Discussion RE: CaCl - DEP #185-720 - 157-165 Lowland Street/Michael Brumber

The Planning Board and the Water Department have no problem with the use of calcium chloride for dust control at this site. Sodium chloride is not allowed. An Amendment to the Order of Conditions will need to be done to allow for the use of the CaCl. The Amendment application will be reviewed at the meeting on January 31st.

Discussion RE: Enforcement Order - Building Demo at Water Department Well #4/Washington Street

The Water Dept building debris at Well #4 has been removed at this time.

Dr. Rutberg made a motion to lift the Enforcement Order regarding the building Mr. Carnes seconded the motion. Mr. Maccagnano abstained. The motion passed. (FC, CB, AMP, AR)

Discussion RE: Enforcement Order - DEP #185-628 - 355 Highland Street Highland Meadows/The Orchards - Gary Ruping/Ruping Companies

Mary Trudeau, the consultant for Ruping Companies, issued a report today that recommends that finishing the road will be a priority in helping sediment and erosion control at this site. Since Highland Meadows has received five previous Enforcement Orders over a number of years, the Agent issued a memo to the Conservation Commission with three suggestions for implementing an Action Plan for the Highland Meadows site. The Commission believes that an Action Plan needs to be enforceable. The Commission agreed that the first option presented in Mr. Katuska's memo should be applied. This would mean asking the Ruping Companies to come to the next meeting with an Action Plan (Including a schedule for implementation) and a written commitment to implement the Final Action Plan.

The Commission asked that the Agent respond to the Ruping Companies tomorrow explaining that Ms. Trudeau's report is not an Action Plan and a plan needs to be submitted immediately. The Commission agreed that an Action Plan needed to be submitted within a week (by January 25) so that it may be reviewed at the next meeting on

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January 31st. The DEP and EPA will have to be notified if no Action Plan is submitted within a week.

Public Meetings & Hearings

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*

As requested by the Commission, Jim Stucchi, Ahronian Landscaping presented revised plans for drainage improvements at the baseball field. He proposed a 900 square foot rain garden (90' L x 10' W x 12" deep) that would alleviate the formation of puddles in the left field. They would also like to scarify and top dress all bare areas with soil and seed (approximately 110 x 190' area). After the work is completed, the Commission would also like an As-Built plan of what they actually did after the work is completed.

Mr. Maccagnano left the meeting at 8:23 PM.

There is no change in flood storage capacity from the existing conditions. The work will probably be completed in approximately a week during the summer when the field isn't being used and it is drier. The Commission asked that the elevation shots be redone and the plan be re-issued, since they did not appear to be accurate on the plan.

Dr. Rutberg made a motion to continue the meeting for RFD #465, 100 Summer Street, Mission Springs Baseball Field to the next meeting on January 31st. Mr. Bajdek seconded the motion. Mr. Maccagnano left the meeting and was not present to vote. The motion passed. (AMP, AR, CB, FC)

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*

Robert Truax, GLM Engineering, presented revised plans to the Commission. Mr. Truax has been in touch with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) several times and it seems that ACOE will give permission to go across the ACOE easement to do the work on this site within 2 weeks. It appears that the ACOE is very happy with the change from using culverts under the bridge to using the C-span archway. The only change the ACOE requested was that the detention basin be moved out of the ACOE easement approximately 8 to 10 feet.

The Planning Board asked for an entrance sign, street trees, and 3 street lights, so these have been added to the plan. Per a Planning Board request, the roadway section was changed to move the guardrail so that it allows people to walk behind the guardrail. The Planning Board consultant has signed off on the project, but the PB still has not voted on it yet because not enough people were present at the PB's last meeting. ZBA has signed off on the roadways and Mass Highway has approved the entranceway.

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The wetland replication area is 3,900 square feet and they are filling 3,500-3,600 square feet of wetlands so that the replication is larger than what is filled. Mr. Joseph Banish, a neighbor, asked if this area has changed since the last hearing and it has not changed.

Mr. Carnes voiced his opinion that he would like a retaining wall versus rip rap slope, so that less wetlands were impacted. Mr. Truax felt that the retaining wall would be 1-2 feet wide and would not save very much of the wetlands versus the sloping rip rap.

Dr. Rutberg made a motion to continue the hearing for DEP File #185-719, 2016 Washington Street to January 31, 2012. Mr. Bajdek seconded the motion. Mr. Maccagnano left the meeting and was not present to vote. The motion passed. (AMP, AR, CB, FC).

Mr. Maccagnano returned to the meeting at 8:51 PM.

At 8:52 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 31, 2012.