



Bolton Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes



Date:	Tuesday, January 16th 2024
Time/Location	7:00 p.m. Zoom (remote participation)
Commissioners Present:	Chair Brian Berube, Paal Brandvold, Lorraine Stephenson
Guests:	Greg Roy, Thomas Bucciero
Next Meeting:	Tuesday, February 6th 2024 7:00pm via Zoom

- 1. Notice of Intent - 137 Green Road - Map 6.B Parcel 165 - DEP File#112-0738** -Submitted by Greg Roy of Dillis & Roy on behalf of the applicant, Drew Burdick of Green Road Common Driveway Covenant and Homeowner's Association for the proposed replacement of an existing deteriorating culvert underneath a common driveway. Greg Roy was present. Chair Brian Berube noted that he and Jim Geraghty attended a site visit on 1/2/2024 where they observed where the limit of work marked out, and that it was obvious that the culvert replacement was necessary. Chair Brian noted that Greg Roy submitted a letter to the Commission in response to DEP's comments, and that he was happy with the responses. Chair Brian agreed with Dillis & Roy's response to DEP to use a New England wetland seed mix to accelerate revegetation. **Chair Brian made a motion to close the public hearing for the 137 Green Road, DEP File#112-0738. Paal seconded, all unanimously, AYE. Roll call vote: PB, LS, BB, AYE.** Chair Brian made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions for 137 Green Road, DEP File #112-0738, with the condition that a New England wetland seed mix be used along the banks of the area after completion of construction. Paal seconded, all unanimously, AYE. Roll call vote: PB, LS, BB, AYE
- 2. Request for Certificate of Compliance - 231 Sugar Road - DEP File#112-698** - Submitted by Benjamin Dowds. The project involved the construction of a garage and gravel driveway turn around located at 231 Sugar Road. Jim Gerraghty conducted a site visit on 1/10/2024. He noted that although there was some snow on the ground, he could see grass was growing in areas impacted by the garage addition. The Conservation Administrative Assistant shared photos submitted by Ben Dowds, showing the driveway without snow covering the ground. **Chair Brian made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 231 Sugar Road - DEP File#112-698. Paal seconded, all unanimously, AYE. Roll call vote: PB, LS, BB, AYE.**
- 3. Request for Partial Certificate of Compliance - 77 Teele Road - Lot 9 - DEP File#112-202** - Submitted by Thomas and Carolyn Bucciero. The project involved the construction of a two lot common driveway within the wetlands buffer zone. This submission for a partial CoC as it was submitted for Lot 9 only, and does not include the Lot 8 portion of the driveway. The Conservation Agent conducted a site visit earlier in the day (1/16/24) and noted that (1) although there was 1-3 inches of snow present, the wetlands/water did not contain sedimentation or sediment; and (2) that the Commission is to consider a Partial Certificate of Compliance with ongoing conditions regarding maintenance and the remaining portion of the shared driveway. **Chair Brian made a motion to issue a Partial Certificate of Compliance for 77 Teele Road, Lot #9, DEP File#112-202, with ongoing conditions remaining considering Lot #8 and the ongoing maintenance of the shared driveway. Paal seconded, all unanimously, AYE. Roll call vote: PB, LS, BB, AYE.**

4.	Enforcement Orders - <i>100 East End Road, Century Mill Estates. Chair Brian noted there are no updates on these enforcement orders.</i>
5.	Minutes – Chair Brian made a motion to approve minutes from the January 2 nd 2024 meeting. Paal seconded, all AYE. Roll call vote: PB, LS, BB, AYE.
6.	Discussion regarding DRAFT Bylaw Regulation Revisions - <i>Final draft bylaw regulation revisions must be submitted by 2/26/2024 for the Select Board's meeting on 3/2/2024. The Conservation Agent has made notes regarding each outstanding item on the draft revisions for the Conservation Commission's review. The Commission must vote at the next meeting on 2/6/24 to accept all revisions as amended, and to authorize submittal to Town Counsel for their final review.</i>
7.	Conservation Land updates Forest Legacy Project - <i>has been fully funded.</i> Bolton Trails Connectivity Improvement Project: <i>Ongoing.</i> Trail Stewardship Authorized Projects: Vaughn Hill Woodside Drive Trail Head – <i>removal of post, sand trail sign, repaint trail sign, install water bars utilizing material from site as previously approved locations.</i> Vaughn Hill - <i>re-route steep section with restoration work to include switchback</i> Ongoing Bowers Spring Flanagan Road Trail Head – <i>Invasive Species removal, maintenance of Norway spruce line/removal of invasives and encroachments, maintenance of tree islands within field areas.</i> Welch Pond – <i>Trail extension to Sawyer Road</i> BTC Extension – <i>Trail from Horse Ring Field to Berlin Road</i> Opportunity: Volunteer Land Steward position – <i>available</i> Conservation Commission – <i>available</i> For all inquiries regarding these opportunities please contact the Conservation Department, call 978-779-3307 or email landuseadmin@townofbolton.com
8.	Chair Brian made a motion to adjourn the Tuesday, January 16th 2024 meeting of the Bolton Conservation Commission at 7:28 pm. Paal seconded, all unanimously, AYE. Roll call vote: PB, LS, BB, AYE.