

Bolton Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes



Date:	Tuesday, April 18th 2023
Time/Location	7:00 p.m. Zoom (remote participation)
Commissioners Present:	James Geraghty, Lori Stephenson, William Payne, Paal Brandvold, Conservation Agent, Rebecca Bucciaglia
Guests:	Jack Maloney (Dillis & Roy Civil Design Group), Randall Heglin (Department of Public Works), Frank McPartland (Dillis & Roy Civil Design Group), Rob Roy MacGregor
Next Meeting:	Tuesday, May 2 nd 2023 7:00pm via Zoom

- 1. Notice of Intent Sawyer Road proposed slip line of an existing deteriorating culvert with a new culvert. Additionally, the proposed project shall include beaver fencing to prevent obstruction of the culvert. Frank McPartlan and Randall Heglin were present to provide a summary of proposed work. The proposed work area will be approximately 20' long. The existing 24" corrugated metal degraded pipe shall be slip lined with an 18" pvc pipe filled with natural materials for easy flow. A Sand bag dam and removable pump station with sediment trap shall be installed during construction to maintain flow from upstream to downstream areas. The project is proposed to take approximately one week total. The preservation of large diameter trees on site is driving the approach of slip line. A flow device to accommodate beaver activity and continuous flow post construction will be installed as part of this project. Streambank stabilization will incorporate hydric soils and wetland seed mix. Existing Conditions consist of corrosion, failure and temporary piping in place for flow. The commission inquired about disturbance of existing walls, slip line process, equipment proposed, equipment location on site during construction, project carried out in the dry. No DEPfile# has been issued to date. Vice Chair James made a motion to continue the public hearing for the Sawyer Road DPW project until May 2nd 2023 at 7:15pm. Paal seconded, all unanimously, AYE. Roll call vote: JG, LS, WP, PB, AYE.
- 2. Continued Notice of Intent 40 Hudson Road Map 4.D Parcel 09 demolition and reconstruction of the "Fishing Camp" building, installation of a new 1,500-gallon septic tank & 1,000-gallon pump chamber to an existing septic system. Jack Maloney was present to provide a summary on the project along with updated summary of 24" dbh tree proposed to be removed potential for stump grinding and/or flush cut. The Commission provided a summary of the site visit. The applicant noted the request for COC regarding the previous order has been submitted. The Conservation Agent noted due to timing of the submittal the RCOC will be on the May 2nd agenda. The commission inquired about the height of home off the ground, no storage under structure, stormwater concerns related to runoff from infrastructure to be directed away from bank/pond. Applicant's representative suggested gutter system to direct water away from resource area. Conservation Agent requested additional information and sq ft total area of proposed deck/stairway which seems to increase footprint vs keeping the same as existing. Vice Chair James made a motion to continue the public hearing for the "fishing camp" project located at 40 Hudson Road until May 2nd 2023 at 7:30pm. Lori seconded, all unanimously, AYE. Roll call vote: JG, LS, WP, PB, AYE.
- 3. Continued Notice of Intent 711/713 Main Street Map Parcel DEPfile#112-0 Applicant's representative requested a continuation via email prior to the meeting, until the next meeting of the conservation commission in order to provide additional information requested by DEP and the commission. DEP has requested additional information and has yet to issue DEPfile# for project.

Vice Chair James made a motion to continue the public hearing for 711/713 Main Street Notice of Intent until the May 2nd 2023 meeting at 7:45pm. William seconded, all unanimously, AYE. Roll call vote: JG, LS, WP, PB, AYE.

- 4. Continued Notice of Intent 0 S. Bolton Road Map 2.C Parcel 23 DEPfile#112-0720 construction of a subdivision roadway and stormwater infrastructure. The Commission and applicant are still awaiting MEPA review and anticipate continuing until April. However, the item will remain on the agenda for documentation purposes and if additional information is available in a timelier manner the applicant may be able to provide that update. Vice chair James made a motion to continue the public hearing for 0 S. Bolton Road DEPfile#112-0720 until May 2nd 2023 at 7:50pm via zoom. Paal seconded, all unanimously, AYE. Roll call vote: JG, LS, WP, PB, AYE.
- 5. Minutes Vice Chair James made a motion to accept the minutes as drafted for the 04/04/2023 meeting of the conservation commission. Lori seconded, all AYE, William Abstain. Roll call vote: JG, LS, PB, AYE, WP Abstain.
- **6. Enforcement Order update** 100 East end Road, 3 John Powers Lane awaiting final stabilization/proof of 75% success of seeding in spring. Century Mill Estates reassess fines that will be issued, contact is being attempted by conservation department to developer.
- 7. Conservation Land updates

Bolton Trails Connectivity Improvement Project: Initiation Phase with Grant Program complete, coordination for scheduling work day events, flagging work areas in the field

Upcoming Trail Walk Wednesday, April 26th 2023 Powder house hill

Donation regarding work at Bowers to assist in properly stabilizing areas along point of interest along the lower pond at Bowers. **Vice chair James made a motion to authorize:**

- 1) Conservation Agent to work with community member regarding scope of work related to donation.
- 2) No work shall take place until a plan has been presented and approved by the commission.
- 3) Respectfully request Selectboard accept donation on behalf of Conservation Commission to be benchmarked in the Conservation gift fund for work at Bowers Spring conservation area specifically area on site locally known as the "beach"

Roll call vote: JG, LS, WP, PB, AYE.

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Final Comments from Commission on draft documents before finalization

Opportunity:

Volunteer Land Steward position – available

Conservation Commission – available

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update

For all inquiries regarding these opportunities please contact the Conservation Agent, call 978-779-3304 or email rbucciaglia@townofbolton.com

8. Vice Chair James made a motion to adjourn the public meeting of the Conservation Commission Tuesday, April 18th 2023. Paal seconded; all unanimously AYE.

Roll call vote: JG, WP, PB, LS, AYE.