



# Bolton Conservation Commission

## Meeting Minutes



<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023</b>
<b>Time/Location</b>	7:00 p.m. Zoom (remote participation)
<b>Commissioners Present:</b>	Chair Brian Berube, James Geraghty, Lori Stephenson, William Payne, Conservation Agent, Rebecca Bucciaglia
<b>Guests:</b>	Jack Maloney (Dillis & Roy Civil Design Group), Randall Heglin (Department of Public Works)
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 7:00pm via Zoom</b>

- 1. Notice of Intent – BSA Mayflower Council – Hudson Road –** *proposed removal of small trees, shrubs, and invasives at and adjacent to swimming and boating facilities. Maintain sight lines for lifeguards and staff to supervise activity. Maintenance of drainage swale adjacent to Town Beach. Remove remnants of rinsing station at the CADC beach and associated corrugated pip discharging into Little Pond. Hank Rauch II was present representing the applicant. Conservation Agent provided a summary of remaining information to be submitted requested by DEP. Applicant requested a continuation prior to the meeting. Chair Brian made a motion to continue the public hearing for the Mayflower Council project until May 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 7:30pm. Lori seconded, all unanimously, AYE. Roll call vote: JG, LS, WP, BB, AYE.*
- 2. 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. DPW Director Randall Heglin was present. Conservation Agent provided a summary; the DEP file# has been issued with comments from DEP specific to preference of utilizing the slip lining practice to address this project. Applicant's representative had submitted a request to continue prior to the meeting to address comments and concerns provided by DEP. Chair Brian made a motion to continue the public hearing for the Sawyer Road DPW project until May 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 7:45pm. Lori seconded, all unanimously, AYE. Roll call vote: JG, LS, WP, BB, AYE.*
- 3. Request for Certificate of Compliance – 40 Hudson Road – DEPfile#112-0650**  
*Conservation Agent provided a summary of work in compliance onsite. Noted remainder of work to be completed under new filing. Commission member requested tabling decision on RCOC until the new filing was discussed further in order to properly reference on issued documents. After tabling and discussing new filing, the commission continued discussions noting no significant issue with the new proposal. Chair Brian made a motion to issue a Partial Certificate of Compliance for DEPfile#112-0650 with all ongoing conditions and work to be completed under new filing referenced as DEPfile#112-0726. Lori seconded, all unanimously, AYE. Roll call vote: JG, LS, WP, BB, AYE.*
- 4. 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 Conservation Agent provided a summary of the site visit. New information included sq. ft. of expanded footprint which incorporated stairway with landing on exterior of proposed structure. Property owner submitted maintenance documents to be considered as part of the order. Commission members had yet had time to review and requested a continuation. Applicant's representative was amendable to the continuation for the review of material and drafting of the Order of Conditions. Chair Brian made a motion to continue the public hearing for the 40 Hudson Road project until May 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 8:00pm. Lori seconded, all unanimously, AYE. Roll call vote: JG, LS, WP, BB, AYE.*

5.	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Chair Brian made a motion to continue the public hearing for the 711/713 Main St. project until May 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 8:05pm. Lori seconded, all unanimously, AYE. Roll call vote: JG, LS, WP, BB, AYE.</b></p>
6.	<p><b>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. Chair Brian made a motion to continue the public hearing for the 0 S. Bolton Rd. project until May 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 8:15pm. Lori seconded, all unanimously, AYE. Roll call vote: JG, LS, WP, BB, AYE.</b></p>
7.	<p><b>Minutes – Chair Brian made a motion to approve minutes from the last meeting of April 18<sup>th</sup> 2023. Lori seconded, all AYE, Brian abstains. Roll call vote: JG, LS, WP, AYE, Brian Abstain.</b></p>
8.	<p><b>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.</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Bolton Conservation Trust Request – Tom Denney Nature Camp requests replacement with enlarged shed structure at Bowers Spring Conservation Area. Conservation Agent read into record email request and response. Tom Denney Nature camp looking to replace temporary shed structure at Bower Springs Conservation Area where the Conservation Commission permits the camp to be held on town land. The shed would be a donation and causes for various sizes. Chair Brian took a roll call vote to authorize the replacement of the shed of preferably the same size, but no larger than 12’x12’. Roll call vote: JG, LS, WP, BB, AYE.</b></p> <p><b>Vaughn Hill Re Route Request – Bolton Conservation Trust and Conservation Agent reviewed one steep, compacted area at Vaughn Hill Conservation Area. Proposed route change from a straight path down slope to add a switchback, followed by restoration of existing trail allowing to naturalize overtime. Chair Brian took a roll call vote to authorize the reroute and restoration of existing trail at Vaughn Hill as described. Roll call vote: JG, LS, WP, BB, AYE.</b></p>
10.	<p><b><u>Conservation Land updates</u></b></p> <p><b>Bolton Trails Connectivity Improvement Project:</b> Continue coordination, confirm volunteers interested in activity days, town meeting budget approved, flagging areas in the field, therefore materials may be purchased at the start of the new fiscal year.</p> <p><b>Upcoming Trail Walk May 2023 Rattlesnake hill</b></p> <p><b>Trail Stewardship Project Days:</b> (these items shall remain on agendas until completed)</p> <p><u>May 2023 Vaughn Hill Woodside Drive Trail Head – removal of post, sand trail sign, repaint trail sign, install water bars utilizing material from site as previously approved locations.</u></p> <p><u>June 2023, July 2023, August 2023,</u> Bowers Spring Flanagan Road Trail Head – Invasive Species removal, maintenance of Norway spruce line/removal of invasives and encroachments, maintenance of tree islands within field areas.</p> <p><u>June 2023 Welch Pond – Trail extension to Sawyer Road</u></p> <p><b>NRCRLM MVP <a href="https://climateresilient.wixsite.com/nashuariver">https://climateresilient.wixsite.com/nashuariver</a></b></p> <p><b>Site Visits May 6th Clinton and Bolton</b></p> <p><b>Opportunity:</b></p> <p><b>Volunteer Land Steward position – available</b></p> <p><b>Conservation Commission – available</b></p> <p><b>Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Table at Backyard Bolton, Wildlife photography contest to assist with town wildlife inventory.</b></p> <p><b>For all inquiries regarding these opportunities please contact the Conservation Agent, call 978-779-3304 or email <a href="mailto:rbucciaglia@townofbolton.com">rbucciaglia@townofbolton.com</a></b></p>
11.	<p><b>Chair Brian made a motion to adjourn the May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023 meeting of the Conservation Commission at 8:00pm. Lori seconded, all unanimously, AYE. Roll call vote: JG, LS, WP, BB, AYE.</b></p>