

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**August 7<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7:00pm**

**Houghton Building, 697 Main Street**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS**

REQUEST FOR A DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY (RDA); NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI), ABBREVIATED  
NOTICE OF RESOURCE AREA DELINEATION (ANRAD), ORDER OF CONDITIONS (OOC)

**Present:** (Chair) Brian Berube, Lori Stephenson, William Payne, Chris McNamara, Rebecca Longvall (Conservation Agent)

**Absent:** Emily Winner, Jeffrey Bryan

**7:00pm** The Conservation Commission opened the Public Hearing to address the request for an Extension of the Order of Conditions for Still River Road DEP#112-636. Seth Donohoe was present to represent the applicant. The project is specific to a Single family home which was approved and issued an Order of Conditions by the Conservation Commission in November 2015. The silt fence installation occurred when an adjacent home was built and that is the only change which has been carried out on the property. The representative brought the deed to reflect the purchase of the property by the new owner “Turn Left, LLC. Adjacent Residents were present to voice their concerns regarding the sensitivity of the site specific to species and associated habitats. Jack Wayland of Harvard was present to confirm the perennial stream had been delineated on the property. The Commission confirmed it was. Anastasia Downey of Still River Rd. Bolton inquired about the delineation accuracy, limit of work footprint, and requested the commission visit the site and supply a copy of the soils report. The Commission decided to agree it would be beneficial should any other project be proposed, that the commission should be re-familiarized with the site (also new members). Bob Martel of Vaughn Hill Rd. was present to note the Turn Left, LLC did not reflect a specific individual but rather a company. The commission explained the applicant had a representative present and that was sufficient to represent the request. Rona Balco was present to also request the property be re-visited. Joe Picariello of Vaughn Hill Rd. requested the parcel boundaries be marked and re-surveyed and to note the juvenile Blandings turtle on his property which shares a boundary line with the project location.

Chair Brian suggests the commission will re-review the site with the new members prior to the next meeting. Chair Brian makes a motion to close the Public Hearing for DEP#112-636 and will vote at the next Public Meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup> 2018. Lori seconded, all unanimously agree.

**7:30pm** The Conservation Commission opened the Public Hearing to address the proposed pavement and improvement of a single family home located at 21 Century Mill Road. Scott Goddard is present to represent the applicant. The Chair states the proposal is for a single family home therefore not practicable to pave. There is mention of a potential future common driveway not before the commission at this time. The Chair specifies the conversation and filing for the evening was for a single family home driveway improvement. Richard Davis of Hudson road was present and requested explanation of the Red line which is the 100 year floodplain depicted on the plans before the commission. The Conservation Agent brought up the two uninvestigated

vernal pools on the property. The Commission requested any potential tree removal to be marked. Richard Davis expressed to the commission the water flows over the driveway with increased precipitation during heavy storms. Historically it has been known to do so, to the extent there had been a drainage ditch dug to alleviate the flooding of the access way when the property was actively hayed. The Conservation Agent also notes the property is within a Priority Heritage Landscape. The Conservation Agent also requests runoff calculations that are required under the bylaw showing pre-and-post runoff conditions. Lori states the commission would prefer a whole project up front verses being piece mealed various aspects without properly conveying the extent of the work.

Chair Brian makes a motion to continue the public hearing regarding 21 Century Mill Road until August 21<sup>st</sup> 2018 at 7:30pm in the Houghton Building. Chris seconded, all unanimously approve.

Mark O'Hagan of Craftsman Village was present to inquire keeping a roadway that had been previously approved and paved. The work had a recent field amendment by the commission to reduce the impervious surfaces throughout the development and move farther away from the resource areas. The commission determined the roadway was acceptable to keep for excess parking. The interior shall be striped and no parking signs shall be installed on the side closest to the resource area. At a later time the developer or representative may return to the commission to request a rail of some sort to reduce ability to park on side closest to the resource area.

The Conservation Commission voted to support further information finding along with requesting the Board of Selectman to transfer the management of Municipal property located at the most Northwestern corner of Bolton Assessor Map 8.A-1 to the Conservation Commission to be protected under the implications of land held by the commission subject to M.G.L. Chapter 131 §40 and Article 97. All unanimously for supporting and the request to the BOS.

The Conservation Commission decided to move the agenda item of the masonry work for Fyfeshire dam conservation area will be tabled for now. Rona mentioned there had been a repair made to the structure about a month ago the commission was unaware of. There has also been a request to place a new gate/aesthetically pleasing entrance vs. what is presently there. Lori suggested boulders before the pillars to reduce future damage to the entryway.

A resident has inquired about donating a bench to the conservation property. The commission asks the conservation agent to continue conversations and inquire about material of bench and placement at another conservation property.

Next Meeting Dates: **August 21<sup>st</sup>, September 4<sup>th</sup>, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in the Houghton Building.

Chair Brian moves to close the Public Meeting of July August 7<sup>th</sup> 2018. Chris seconded, all unanimously approve.