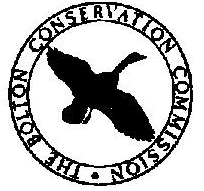




Bolton Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes



Date:	Tuesday, December 21 st 2021
Time/Location	7:00 p.m. Zoom (remote participation)
Commissioners Present:	Chair Brian Berube, William Payne, Emily Winner, (Conservation Agent, Rebecca Longvall)
Guests:	Dean Charter, Jennifer Mix, Maynard Wheeler, Cynthia Ayotte, Bruce Ringwall (GPR)
Next Meeting:	Tuesday, January 4 th 2021 7:00pm via Zoom

- Request for Determination of Applicability – 119 Sampson Road – kitchen and deck installation**
Maynard Wheeler and Jennifer Mix were present.
Commission members summarized their site visit to the property. They highlighted the disturbance proposed is over existing lawn areas, the kitchen area was not of concern to the commission. The commission inquired about roof runoff being allowed to infiltrate near the structure. Maynard proposed river rock along the drip edge of the proposed structures.
Chair Brian made a motion to close the public hearing regarding 119 Sampson Road Request for Determination of Applicability for the proposed kitchen and deck installation. Emily seconded; all unanimously AYE.
Roll Call Vote: BB, EW, WP AYE
Chair Brian made a motion to issue a Negative 3 Determination with the following conditions:

 - 1) Crushed rock or gravel border be placed along the drip line of the resource facing side (north and eastern side of the dock) at the end of construction,**
 - 2) All building materials be stockpiled on the driveway or outside of resource areas,**

for the proposed kitchen and deck installation at 119 Sampson Road. William seconded; all unanimously AYE.
Roll Call Vote: BB, EW, WP AYE
- Continued Notice of Intent – Century Mill Road Map 3D Parcel 75 – proposed construction of three single family homes and widen and pave an existing gravel driveway**
Chair Brian provided an update: the applicant and commission are awaiting response from Tree Warden. DEP requested 401 Water Quality Certification and the applicant is addressing with DEP and ACOE. Therefore, the applicant has requested a continuation via email prior to the public meeting.
Chair Brian made a motion to continue the public hearing regarding the NOI Century Mill Road, map 3.D parcel 75 Common driveway project until the next meeting of the conservation commission on January 4th 2022 at 7:45pm.
Emily seconded; all unanimously agree.
Roll Call Vote: BB, EW, WP AYE

3.	<p>Request for Certificate of Compliance – 285 Still River Road – DEP file # 112-0600</p> <p>The Conservation Agent provided a summary of the project and an update related to the minor field amendments. Conservation Agent carried out a site visit on December 20th 2021 with the applicant's representative Bruce Ringwall, GPR. The plantings within the mulch beds had failed twice. Conservation agent suggests the commission continue this planting requirement in perpetuity as part of the COC for mitigation plantings area. This area was not a restoration area rather a mitigation area. Commission members requested the removal of the mulch beds, planting of native vegetation and allow areas to naturalize. Conservation Agent highlighted that this was permitted previously and was not a restoration area and not required to be native species at that time. The applicant's representative highlighted that they were comfortable with the request of native more resistant vegetation. Conservation Agent summarized those 8 native shrubs be planted/maintained in the northern mitigation area and the area left to naturalize. Commission member inquired about ensuring the ongoing conditions remain in perpetuity with any new property owner and noted mulch needs/benefits are specific to different species. The Conservation Agent highlighted this language is built right into the document that the conditions run with the land. Applicant's representative inquired about the bond release. Conservation Agent stated the commission typically issues the COC first, then is recorded, then the commission will review that release at the next meeting of the conservation commission.</p> <p>Chair Brian made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance with the following ongoing conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Northernmost mitigation area be planted with 8 native shrubs resistant to browse, 2) Only native vegetation be planted within then Northern mitigation area, 3) Along with additional conditions that were required to be carried over from the OOC, <p>Emily seconded; all unanimously agree. Roll Call Vote: BB, EW, WP AYE</p>
4.	<p>Minutes – Chair Brian made a motion to accept the minutes as drafted this evening from the December 7th 2021 public meeting of the conservation commission. Emily seconded; all unanimously agree. Roll Call Vote: WP, BB, EW, AYE</p>
5.	<p>Vote – Conservation Commission to consider authorizing the submittal of three (3) NOIs drafted by a special interest group of the Bolton Trails Committee for: Nine (9) crossings that shall not impede the flow of water in areas where the trail crosses; to be proposed at Annie Moore (1), Randall Vinger (1), and Vaughn Hills (7)</p> <p><i>Conservation Agent provided a summary of the request and highlighted that this evening's agenda is solely for considering the authorization of the submittal of these Notices of Intent. This item is not approving the proposed project(s) at this time. This evening the request to authorize the submittal of the notice of intent(s) and to enable the special interest group to work on and apply for the Mass Trails Grant to seek funds for this proposal. The Chair asked the special interest group representative to provide a summary of the proposal. Cynthia Ayotte was present to provide a summary of the locations and overall project. She highlighted the purpose; to replace crossings that are broken, slippery, or add curbs/railings as necessary. She displayed the various proposed crossings to be replaced. She also provided a summary of the materials and infrastructure to be used. She also highlighted the grant opportunity and that they would provide the required match from private funding. Conservation agent again highlighted 1) authorizing the submittal of the notice of intent which would support the application to the MassTrailsGrant program and 2) allowing the conservation agent to work with the special interest group to submit the notices of intent as the property owner. This is similar to how scout projects are permitted on town owned lands. Commission member expressed interest in supporting the general project to improve crossings that are necessary along with working with the applicant. Conservation Agent highlighted the commission during the NOI process will still have the opportunity to alter the scope, materials, and number of crossings if necessary.</i></p> <p>The Commission took a vote to authorize:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Conservation Agent to work with the special interest group of the Bolton Trails Committee and submit three NOIs addressing Nine (9) crossings and maintenance on town owned conservation land, 2) Nine (9) crossings to be submitted to the MassTrails Grant Program, <p>All unanimously AYE Roll Call Vote: WP, BB, EW, AYE</p>

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| 6. | <p>Conservation Property Updates: Maintenance and management items</p> <p>Guided Trail Walk overview – Gould White Conservation Area December 20th 2021, 12:00pm</p> <p><u>MVP Program</u></p> <p>Current FY21-FY22: Nashua River Communities Resilient Lands Management Project – <i>Forest Task Group December 9th and Forest Task Group Site Visits (Bolton & Clinton)</i></p> <p>Community members interested in learning more or interested in participating in this project please contact the Conservation Agent.</p> <p><i>FY20: Apple Country Natural Climate Solutions completed information is available via the project website:</i></p> <p>https://climateresilient.wixsite.com/applecountry/project-data-viewer</p> <p><i>Final report may also be found using the project website or this link:</i></p> <p>https://3673b23c-7171-47f0-b91c-8baa749785c4.filesusr.com/ugd/29afe1_877358fd47e943f793248d84655948e5.pdf</p> <p>Opportunity: Volunteer Land Steward position</p> <p>For all inquiries regarding this position please contact the Conservation Agent, call 978-779-3304 or email rlongvall@townofbolton.com</p> |
| 7. | <p>Chair Brian made a motion to adjourn the public meeting of the Conservation Commission Tuesday, December 21st 2021. Emily seconded; all unanimously AYE.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: WP, BB, EW, AYE</p> |