



Bolton Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes



Date:	Tuesday, June 2 nd 2020
Time/Location	7:00 p.m. Zoom (remote participation)
Commissioners Present:	Chair Brian Berube, Kip McNamara, Jeffrey Bryan, William Payne, Lori Stephenson, (Conservation Administrator, Rebecca Longvall)
Guests:	Leroy Millet, Martha Remington, Ken Troup, Bruce Slater, Neil Gorman, Jack Maloney
Next Meeting:	Tuesday, June 16 th 2020 7:00pm, Zoom Remote Participation

Agenda Items

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1.	Request for Determination of Applicability – 45 Wheeler road – proposed pool Commission members provided summary of site visit related to proposed project Roll Call Vote on motion to close public hearing: BB, WP, KM, JB, LS, unanimous, YAY. Roll Call Vote on motion to issue negative 3 determination with one condition: BB, WP, KM, JB, LS, unanimous, YAY.	Chair Brian made a motion to close the public hearing for 45 Wheeler Road. Lori seconded; All unanimously agree. Chair Brian made a motion to issue a negative three determination with the special condition of no discharge, wastewater, or drainage from the pool to be directed toward or into wetland resource areas or associated buffer areas. Lori seconded; all unanimously approve.

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2.	<p>Notice of Intent – Long Hill Road Assessor’s Map 4.D Parcel 60 – <i>single family home, gravel driveway, well, septic system, grading and driveway</i></p> <p>Neil Gorman, of David E. Ross Associates and Bruce Slater provided updates to the cover letter. The applicant’s representative also provided a summary of the revised house, driveway, use of pervious pavers, and other mitigation measures including invasive management on site.</p> <p>Conservation Commission member Jeff Bryan and Conservation Administrator carried out a site visit on May 28th 2020. A summary was provided to the commission. The summary included the majority of the vegetation consists of invasive species including oriental bittersweet and knotweed. There is native vegetation present as well including jack in the pulpit, maple seedlings etc.</p> <p>Conservation Administrator advised the commission should review calculations from the application establishing full mitigation of the proposed disturbance, the amount of disturbance within each benchmark setback from the resource areas and document the number of trees proposed to be removed over 6”dbh specific to species.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote on motion to continue: BB, WP, KM, JB, LS unanimous, YAY.</p>	<p>Chair Brian made a motion to continue the public hearing for the Notice of Intent for the proposed project to be located at Long Hill Road Assessor’s Map 4.D and Parcel 60 until the Conservation Commission’s next public meeting on June 16th 2020 at 7:15pm via zoom. Jeff seconded; all unanimously agree.</p>
3.	<p>Request for Determination of Applicability – Pondside Drive – <i>proposed replacement of leach field.</i></p> <p>Jack Maloney was present to provide a summary of the work.</p> <p>Conservation Administrator conducted a site visit and shared a report with the commission.</p> <p>The commission inquired about erosion controls. Conditions to be included: 1) erosion controls to be utilized on site shall be in place prior to construction 2) stock piles shall be outside of the resource areas 3) the proposed work shall not increase the footprint of the existing area.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote on motion to close: BB, WP, KM, JB, LS unanimous, YAY. Roll Call Vote on motion to issue a negative three determination with three conditions: BB, WP, KM, JB, LS unanimous, YAY.</p>	<p>Chair Brian made a motion to close the public hearing for Pondside Drive. Lori seconded; All unanimously agree.</p> <p>Chair Brian made a motion to issue a negative three determination with the special condition three conditions as discussed. Lori seconded; all unanimously approve.</p>
4.	<p>Emergency Certification – DCAMM earthen dam and pond off of Forbush Mill Road</p> <p>ConCom has denied the Emergency Certification and has requested the applicant to file a notice of intent under CMR 10.53(3)i</p>	
5.	Taggart updates – outreach material to be provided and posted to the town website	
6.	Myles Conservation Restriction – tabled discussion until final review of language but noted the commission is for this donation of the conservation restriction	
7.	<p>MVP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalizing report for Planning Grant - Finalizing application for Action Grant 	
8.	Volunteer Land Steward Position – position open, accepting applications	
9.	<p>Minutes – Chair Brian made a motion to approve the minutes from the public hearing dated 05/05/2020. Lori seconded; all unanimously approve. Roll Call Vote on motion: BB, WP, KM, JB, LS unanimous, YAY</p>	

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	<p>Maintenance and Management Items:</p> <p>Damage, mining or altering the conservation properties is prohibited without prior approval from the property owner. The Conservation Commission has not issued such permissions or approvals. The Conservation properties open at sunrise and close at sunset. If utilizing the property outside of that timeframe this is also an unauthorized use of the property that will cause you to be subject to enforcement of our regulations. Please stay on trails and do not climb historic structures.</p> <p>Please park in designated parking areas and not on or along the roadway. We have 16 core conservation areas waiting for you to explore them. If one parking area is full, please visit a different property.</p> <p>Removal of woody vegetation along historic structures as delineated by the Conservation Administrator.</p> <p>Martha Remington was present to offer a bronze plaque to be mounted on the stone column outside of the conservation property of Fyfreshire dam. The Conservation Commission accepted contingent upon approved language and saw this was an added value to the conservation property.</p> <p>Vote unanimously: BB, WP, KM, LS, JB; for the installation for the plaque.</p> <p>The increased use on conservation properties highlights the importance of open space particularly during times of uncertainty.</p> <p>The increased use on conservation properties has also led to increased wear and need for communicating respectful use of conservation properties. Conservation properties have been posted with policies for conservation land use during the emergency state.</p>	
9.	<p>Chair Brian made a motion to close the public meeting of the Conservation Commission June 3rd 2020. Jeff seconded; all unanimously approve.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote on motion: BB, WP, KM, JB, LS unanimous, YAY</p>	

Approved Meeting Minutes

Initials					
Commissioner	B. Berube	K. McNamara	L. Stephenson	W. Payne	J. Bryan