



Bolton Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes



Date:	Monday, December 23 rd 2019
Time/Location	7:00 p.m. Houghton Building
Commissioners Present:	Chair Brian Berube, Jeffrey Bryan, William Payne, Emily Winner & (Conservation Administrator, Rebecca Longvall)
Guests:	Andrew Adams
Next Meeting:	Tuesday, January 14 th 2019 7:00pm, Second Floor Town Hall Meeting Table

Agenda Items

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1.	Request for Determination of Applicability - 272 Harvard Road - proposed addition on cement slab on existing single-family home. Proposed area consists of lawn within the Adjacent Upland Resource Area and BVW buffer The work meets exceptions in both the Wetlands Protection Act and Wetland Bylaw. Appropriate erosion and sediment controls, no stock piles within resource areas	Chair Brian made a motion to close the public hearing. Jeff seconded; all unanimously approve. Chair Brian made a motion to issue a negative 5 determination with the condition as discussed. Emily seconded all unanimously approve.
2.	Request for Determination of Applicability – 76 Green Road – proposed removal of five mature white pines No stump grinding No vehicles within resource areas	Chair Brian made a motion to close the public hearing. Jeff seconded; all unanimously approve. Chair Brian made a motion to issue a negative 3 determination with the conditions as discussed. Bill seconded all unanimously approve.
3.	Discussion – Vaughn Hill Trail Extension request New trail through an otherwise open forested habitat Value of unsegregated portion of habitat Value of portion of property without disturbance Other existing trails throughout property provide significant wayfinding and exploration of the property	The Commission determined the trail was not necessary at this time. The Commission denied the request at this time.

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4.	Taggart Discussion Conservation Administrator updated the Commission on phone conversations with the property owner highlighting that she was very interested in seeing the property acquired by the town and for conservation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approval and authorization for appraisal of the property located off of Forbush Mill Road 2) Approval and authorization for use of the Conservation Fund for the Appraisal 3) Authorization to work with Sudbury Valley Trustees and Bolton Conservation Trust for land acquisition project 	The Conservation Commission voted to authorize all three items associated with the appraisal for the Taggart property located off of Forbush Mill Road. Emily seconded; all unanimously agree.
5.	Bower Springs Update The Conservation Administrator made the commission aware that they and the trust are looking into acquiring an easement at the bower springs entrance to accommodate the existing route of entry to the property.	
6.	Minutes	Chair Brian made a motion to approve the minutes for November 5 th and November 19 th 2019 with amendments as discussed. Jeff seconded, all unanimously approve.
7.	Environmental Forum A representative from Bolton Local was present to discuss the details regarding the Environmental Forum to be held as a collaborative effort with the Conservation Commission on January 21 st 2020 from 7 – 9pm in the Bolton Public Library The goal is to open a dialogue with the community regarding climate adaptation and resiliency needs, issues and solutions. There was a point made to reach out to communities who have already initiated successful practices.	

Approved Meeting Minutes

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