



Bolton Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes



Date:	Tuesday, June 16 th 2020
Time/Location	7:00 p.m. Zoom (remote participation)
Commissioners Present:	Chair Brian Berube, Emily Winner, Jeffrey Bryan, Lori Stephenson, (Conservation Administrator, Rebecca Longvall)
Guests:	Mitch Maslanka, James Hannoosh, Bruce Slater, Neil Gorman, David Cowell, Mark and Linda Peters
Next Meeting:	Tuesday, June 30th 2020 7:00pm, Zoom Remote Participation

Agenda Items

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1.	<p>Request for Determination of Applicability – 4 Millbrook Lane – proposed pool and fencing</p> <p>Mitch Maslanka of Goddard Consulting representing the property owners of 4 Millbrook Lane provided a summary of the proposed project. The work within 100’ Adjacent Upland Resource Area and 100’ buffer consists of the erosion control, limit of work, stock pile and temporary construction entrance.</p> <p>The proposed work area is currently landscaped area consisting of lawn adjacent to the home. The proposed work area is to be enclosed by silt fence.</p> <p>The Conservation Commission discussed the following two conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) No waste water or discharge into or towards resource area. 2) The erosion control shall be inspected by the Conservation Agent prior to construction. <p>Roll Call Vote on motion to close public hearing: BB, JB, EW, LS, unanimous, YAY. Roll Call Vote on motion to issue negative 3 determination with conditions as discussed: BB, EW, JB, LS, unanimous, YAY.</p>	<p>Chair Brian made a motion to close the public hearing for 44 Millbrook Lane regarding the proposed pool and associated work. Lori seconded; All unanimously agree.</p> <p>Chair Brian made a motion to issue a negative three determination with the special conditions of no discharge, wastewater, or drainage from the pool to be directed toward or into wetland resource areas or associated buffer areas and that the erosion controls be inspected by the Conservation Agent prior to construction. Jeff seconded; all unanimously approve.</p>

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2.	<p>Request for Determination of Applicability – 366 Still River Road – proposed deck</p> <p>Anastacia Downey of 366 Still River Road was present.</p> <p>The Conservation Administrator provided a summary of the site visit and resources on the property.</p> <p>The proposed work area is currently landscaped area consisting of lawn adjacent to the home within a fenced area that predates the current owner.</p> <p>The Conservation Commission discussed the following two conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) No stockpiling within the resource areas <p>Roll Call Vote on motion to close public hearing: BB, JB, EW, LS, unanimous, YAY. Roll Call Vote on motion to issue negative 3 determination with condition as discussed: BB, EW, JB, LS, unanimous, YAY.</p>	<p>Chair Brian made a motion to close the public hearing for 366 Still River Road regarding the proposed deck Lori seconded; All unanimously agree. Chair Brian made a motion to issue a negative three determination with the special condition of no stockpiling within the resource areas. Lori seconded; all unanimously approve.</p>
3.	<p>Notice of Intent – Long Hill Road Assessor’s Map 4.D Parcel 60 – single family home, gravel driveway, well, septic system, grading and driveway</p> <p>Neil Gorman, of David E. Ross Associates and Bruce Slater provided updates to the project specific to number of trees to be removed, number of plantings at a rate of 2:1 specific to what is to be planted over what is to be removed. The roof infiltration trenches, use of pavers along the driveway and keeping the existing access as gravel material. The project also highlights the other mitigation measures and areas within the disturbed area outside of the restoration plantings. These updates are included within the revision letter dated June 15th 2020.</p> <p>Emily stressed the plantings shall be native species.</p> <p>Conservation Administrator stressed the need for the commission to determine whether or not this would meet full mitigation measures.</p> <p>The Conservation commission discussed the following conditions along with including details from the plan into conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Native species to be planted must have a 75% success rate over 2 growing seasons or 2 years 2) Proper erosion and sediment controls to be inspected prior to start of construction by the Conservation Administrator and after installation of controls 3) Stockpiles will occur outside of the resources area to be best extent practicable 4) No work to occur within 25’ of resource area 5) 2:1 restoration planting for replacement and mitigation of removed species 6) Proposed disturbance must be and shall be fully mitigated from LID measures, nature-based solutions and restoration plantings 7) Conditions as approved on plans <p>Roll Call Vote on motion to close: BB, EW, JB, LS unanimous, YAY. Roll Call Vote on motion to issue an Order of Conditions with conditions as discussed: BB, EW, JB, LS, unanimous, YAY.</p>	<p>Chair Brian made a motion to close the public hearing for the Notice of Intent for the proposed single-family home, gravel driveway, well, septic system, grading and driveway to be located at Long Hill Road Assessor’s Map 4.D and Parcel 60. Jeff seconded; all unanimously agree. Chair Brian made a motion to issue an order of conditions with the special conditions as discussed and approved. Lori seconded; all unanimously approve.</p>

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4.	<p>After the Fact – Notice of Intent – Forbush Mill Road temporary culvert replacement</p> <p>Emergency certification for a failure. Temporary work was carried out to abate the emergency was found to be insufficient. Then an Enforcement order was issued to repair the failure as part of this order it required the filing of a notice of intent.</p> <p>The temporary bypass and temporary repair for the culvert by the transfer station to reopen the road.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote on motion to close: BB, EW, JB, LS unanimous, YAY. Roll Call Vote on motion to accept after the fact notice of intent: BB, EW, JB, LS unanimous, YAY.</p>	<p>Chair Brian made a motion to close the public hearing for Forbush Mill Road after the fact notice of intent. Emily seconded; All unanimously agree. Chair Brian made a motion to accept the after the fact notice of intent. Lori seconded; all unanimously approve.</p>
5.	<p>Myles Conservation Restriction</p> <p>Roll Call Vote on motion to accept the Myles Conservation Restriction: BB, EW, JB, LS unanimous, YAY.</p>	<p>Chair Brian made a motion to accept the Conservation Restriction contingent upon review and approval by Town Counsel. Lori seconded, all unanimously approve.</p>
6.	<p>Taggart updates – Town Meeting June 22nd 2020 7pm, Article 23, \$550,000.00 for 43 acres off of Forbush Mill Road, we will be applying and have already drafted the LAND grant, and MAPC Accelerating Climate Resiliency and others to assist with acquisition costs. The Conservation Commission will assess and utilize the Conservation Fund as well to offset total costs of the acquisition.</p>	<p>Attend Town Meeting for Article 23 on June 22nd 2020 at 7:00pm.</p>
7.	<p>After the Fact – Notice of Intent – 175 Fox Run filed by Hancock Associates</p> <p>David Cowell of Hancock Associates and property owners Linda and Mark Peters were present.</p> <p>David provided a summary of the restoration plan filed as an after the fact notice of intent as required under the enforcement order issued in September. The restoration plan includes planting, seed mix and removal of sediment along with stabilization plan for erosion into the brook. The seed mix consists of a 2:1 mix of erosion and wildlife mix by New England Wetland Plants. The use of biodegradable blankets will encourage seed germination and reduce erosion before the area is vegetated. The commission noted the need for an execution date which will be August 2020 at the latest.</p> <p>The applicants stated they will have funds in escrow to ensure the plantings are carried out.</p> <p>75% success rate over 2 growing seasons or two years along with associated monitoring shall be a condition. Additionally the inspection of erosion and sediment controls by the conservation agent prior to construction but after installation.</p> <p>The Commission noted that the DEP file # has not been issued. They are comfortable with the restoration plan with any associated conditions to be issued next meeting after receipt of the DEP file # and comments.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote on motion to continue: BB, EW, JB, LS unanimous, YAY.</p>	<p>Chair Brian made a motion to continue the public hearing for 175 Fox run road after the fact notice of intent until the next meeting of the conservation commission on June 30th 2020 at 7:00pm via Zoom platform. Jeff seconded; All unanimously agree.</p>

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8.	MVP/ Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalizing report for Planning Grant - Submitted application for Action Grant 6/16/2020 	
9.	Volunteer Land Steward Position – position open, accepting applications	
10.	Minutes – tabled approval of meeting minutes until June 30 th 2020	
11.	Maintenance and Management Items: Tom Denney Nature Camp 2020 – The Conservation Commission previously authorized the camp, mowing areas and associated activities. The Commission confirmed camp may continue contingent upon receiving approval from the Nashoba Board of Health on their policies and procedures and being issued a camp permit. The Conservation Commission reminds the public and camp staff that there shall be no more than 14 vehicles parked at bowers springs total. The fields are not to be used for parking for staff nor the public. The additional tents required at the request for the Nashoba Board of Health may be utilized and are approved only for the areas that are within the previously approved mowed area (Northwest corner of the <i>SouthField/South Meadow</i>). The Commission is comfortable with camp staff organizing and training starting Sunday June 28 th 2020.	
12.	Chair Brian made a motion to close the public meeting of the Conservation Commission June 16 th 2020. Emily seconded; all unanimously approve. Roll Call Vote on motion: BB, EW, JB, LS unanimous, YAY	

Approved Meeting Minutes

Initials					
Commissioner	B. Berube	J. Bryan	L. Stephenson	E. Winner	