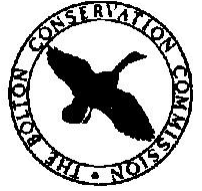




Bolton Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes



Date:	Tuesday, August 18 th 2020
Time/Location	7:00 p.m. Zoom (remote participation)
Commissioners Present:	Chair Brian Berube, Kip McNamara, Jeffrey Bryan, William Payne, Lori Stephenson, Kip McNamara, Emily Winner (Conservation Administrator, Rebecca Longvall)
Guests:	Kathy Anestis, Martha Remington, Don Cole, Imran Qidwai, Greg Roy, Chris McKenzie
Next Meeting:	Tuesday, September 1 st 2020 7:00pm, Zoom Remote Participation

Agenda Items

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1.	Request for Determination – 113 Wilder Road – proposed demolition 40 panel solar with trench The applicant nor the property owner were present. Chair Brian suggested a site visit would be beneficial. Emily inquired about the adjacent resource area and channel. All agree a site visit is warranted. The Commission will close the meeting this evening and vote on the Sept 1 st 2020 public meeting. Roll Call Vote on motion: BB, KM, JB EW, LS unanimous, YAY	Chair Brian made a motion to close the public hearing for 113 Wilder Road regarding the request for determination of applicability. Emily 2 nd all unanimously agree. The Conservation Administrator will coordinate and schedule a site visit prior to the next public meeting of the conservation commission.
2.	Request for Determination – Fire Pond 228 Wattaquadock Hill Road – proposed maintenance of existing fire pond Jack Holbrook was present to provide a brief summary of the proposed work The outstanding work includes brush removal around the pond The previous filing issued three years ago was issued a Negative 5 Determination associated with exemption 10.02(2). The commission determined the work is still within this category. Roll call vote on motion to close: BB, KM, JB EW, LS unanimous, YAY Roll call vote on motion to issue a Negative 5 Determination related to 10.02(2): BB, KM, JB EW, LS unanimous, YAY	Chair Brian made a motion to close the public hearing associated with the Fire Pond maintenance. Jeff seconded. Chair Brian made a motion to issue a Negative 5 determination related to exemption 10.02(2) associated with the proposed Fire Pond maintenance located at 4.B-5.1 Kip seconded.

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3.	<p>Request for Certificate of Compliance – 460 Main Street – <i>regarding the work conditioned for repair and replacement of drain with a box culvert, repair to island and sidewalks.</i></p> <p>The applicant submitted a request via email to request a continuation of the agenda item until the next concom meeting. Don Cole inquired if work is being carried out on site.</p> <p>Roll call vote on motion to continue: BB, WP, KM, JB EW, LS unanimous, YAY</p>	<p>Chair Brian made a motion to continue the agenda item for 460 Main Street Request for Certificate of Compliance until the next meeting of the Conservation commission on September 1st 2020 at 7:30pm. Jeff seconded; All unanimously agree.</p>
4.	<p>Request for Certificate of Compliance – Lot 3 Long Hill Road Chris McKenzie of Ducharme and Dillis was present to provide a summary The work permitted under DEP#112-0676 had never been initiated nor started. No work has commenced on the property and the new property owner will be submitting a new Notice of Intent for their proposed work. Roll call vote on motion to continue: BB, WP, KM, JB EW, LS unanimous, YAY</p>	<p>Chair Brian made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance for an invalid order of conditions due to the work never having commenced, Jeff seconded.</p>
5.	<p>Request for Certificate of Compliance – Houghton Farm Subdivision – <i>work associated with DEP#112-0561</i> Greg Roy of Ducharme and Dillis was present to provide a summary of the subdivision roadway, stormwater infrastructure, crossing and replication area. Greg also agreed to a continuation to draft the document and authorize the release of outstanding funds held by the Conservation Commission for 112-0561. The crossing meets stream crossing standards, the replication area and associated monitoring has been completed. The work also included a dry hydrant associated with the fire pond located at the intersection of Houghton Farm Lane and Sugar Road. The project included management of invasive species around the BVW at the intersection of the subdivision road and sugar road. Roll call vote on motion to continue: BB, WP, KM, JB EW, LS unanimous, YAY</p>	<p>Chair Brian made a motion to continue the discussion for a Certificate of Compliance to draft the conditions in perpetuity until the next public meeting of the Conservation Commission on September 1st at 7:45pm, Emily seconded.</p>
6.	<p>183 Harvard Road Conservation Restriction – The property owner and representative had inquired via email if the Conservation Commission on behalf of the Town of Bolton would be willing to hold the Conservation Restriction as required by NHESP through their Declaration of Restriction. The Conservation Administrator relayed that there are various entities able to hold the CR including the Bolton Conservation Trust. Lori inquired whether there are adjacent parcels and conservation restrictions. The BCT is working on an adjacent property for the same reason to hold the CR over the private property due to the NHESP declaration of restriction requirement as part of their Order of Conditions. The BCT may be the best entity to hold the CR for that reason. The Conservation Commission stated if BCT for some reason cannot they would certainly have no issue with holding the CR contingent upon review of the associated language by counsel.</p>	

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7.	<p>66 Oak Trail – CMMCP treatment</p> <p>The current property owner Imran Qidwai reached out via email to the Conservation Commission as CMMCP was unable to treat their property due to precautions. The Conservation Commission noted they wish to further understand why CMMCP could not treat the property as the distance to the conservation parcel was beyond the expressed reach.</p> <p>The conservation commission noted they were comfortable with CMMCP treating the property located at 66 Oak Trail from the roadway.</p> <p>Additionally, the Conservation Commission would like to better understand the reasoning for the original denial of treatment. The Conservation Administrator will correspond with the director of CMMCP to see if they may be able to provide relative information to address this inquiry.</p>	
8.	<p>72 Hudson Road</p> <p>Andrew Adams was present to represent the applicant and resident of 72 Hudson road. He provided a summary of the work conducted under the Order of Conditions associated with DEP#112-0678.</p> <p>The Conservation Administrator provided a summary of the property specific to the site visit conducted on August 11th 2020 in the presence of the property owner and representative. The Conservation Administrator noted the area to the north of the single-family home between the structure and the pond has been stabilized with mulch, landscaped beds, sod and existing natural vegetation. There was a dock present and the property owner has been notified they will address this with Chapter 91 and incorporate as part of their request for a COC in the future.</p> <p>The outstanding items on site are the vegetation to the South of the single-family home across the recently paved driveway that has been hydroseeded. The property owner is inquiring if they would be able to remove the erosion and sediment controls on the northern side of the single family home due to the stabilization of the site.</p> <p>The Conservation Commission stated they will conduct a site visit (in coordination with property owner and or representative) and relay to the conservation administrator individually their comfort with the removal. If the majority individually sees the area to the North of the single-family home as substantially stable then the Conservation Administrator will be able to authorize the removal in the specified area.</p>	
9.	<p>Zoning Board of Appeals Request for comments – The Woods at Farm Road waiver list</p> <p>The Conservation Commission stated their prior comments still stand related to requirements of minimizing and mitigating impact to the associated resource areas. They will submit written comments via email to the Conservation administrator who will then share with the Town Planner.</p> <p>The Conservation Administrator will email the related plans and documents to the commission.</p>	
10.	<p>Minutes – Chair Brian made a motion to approve the minutes from the public hearings dated 07/28/2020</p> <p>Lori seconded; all unanimously approve.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote on motion: BB, WP, KM, JB EW, LS unanimous, YAY</p>	
11.	<p>Volunteer Land Steward Position – position open, accepting applications</p>	
12.	<p>Taggart Updates – The title search has been completed and the property owner has provided a signed the purchased and sales agreement. The application for the MAPC Accelerating Climate Resiliency grant has been submitted. The site visit for the LAND grant with the grant administrator was completed August 14th 2020.</p>	

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13.	<p>Conservation Management and Maintenance Items:</p> <p>There has been notable encroachment associated with the Houghton Farm Open Space parcel at the frontage along Pinewood Road where there has been excavation of material and stock pile of material along the roadway a letter has been issued to inquire about the violation and cease and desist work until communicating with the Conservation Commission. Additionally, the property has been posted with conservation boundary markers.</p> <p>DEP Central Regional Office received a complaint about the concern related to ecological impacts from the camp hosted at Bowers Springs Conservation Area. It has been related that the camp communicates their practices and are approved by the Conservation Commission to reduce any such adverse impacts. In general, due to the significant traffic on our most popular conservation area the commission is working to further assess and improve the natural resources of the property.</p> <p>Emily noted the there was an identification at rattlesnake specific to multifora rose and stated it would be beneficial to control but allow a small portion to remain as an educational subject regarding invasive species.</p> <p>The Commission thanked interns Brianna Carlisle and Shane Picariello for their work with the Conservation Department and on the Conservation properties. The Commission also thanked their Conservation Administrator for taking on the summer interns.</p> <p>The Conservation Administrator also noted the work the trails committee volunteers are conducting as well.</p>	
14.	Mail – none	
15.	<p>Chair Brian made a motion to close the public meeting of the Conservation Commission August 18th 2020. Jeff seconded; all unanimously approve.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote on motion: BB, EW, WP, KM, JB, LS unanimous, YAY</p>	

Approved Meeting Minutes

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