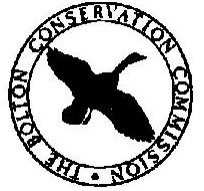




Bolton Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes



Date:	Thursday September 3 rd 2020
Time/Location	7:00 p.m. Zoom (remote participation)
Commissioners Present:	Chair Brian Berube, Kip McNamara, Jeffrey Bryan, Lori Stephenson, (Conservation Administrator, Rebecca Longvall)
Guests:	Matt Marro, Don Cole, Jason Moody, Gary Cantwell, Paul Finger
Next Meeting:	Tuesday, September 15 th 2020 7:00pm, Zoom Remote Participation

Agenda Items

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1.	<p>Notice of Intent – 265 Sawyer Road – <i>proposed inground pool</i></p> <p>Matt Marro was present to represent the applicant and provide a brief summary of the proposed work inclusive of a salt water inground pool within existing landscaped area. It was noted that the pool is proposed within the current reserve area and the applicant is awaiting approval from the Board of Health to establish the areas between the existing leach field infrastructure may be utilized as a reserve area.</p> <p>The commission inquired about the size of the pool, concerns of overtopping, additional infrastructure that typically accompanies a pool (patio, fencing etc)</p> <p>The Commission requested all infrastructure to be staked out prior to the site visit.</p> <p>Roll Call: LS, KM, JB, BB unanimous, YAY</p>	<p>Chair Brian makes a motion to continue the public hearing for the Notice of Intent regarding 265 Sawyer Road until the Commissions next public meeting on September 15th 2020 at 7:30pm. Lori seconded, all were in agreement.</p> <p>The Commission will schedule a site visit before the upcoming meeting.</p>
2.	<p>Request for Determination – 113 Wilder Road – <i>proposed demolition 40 panel solar with trench</i></p> <p>Commission members were out to visit the site.</p> <p>Conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) the disturbed area shall be allowed to naturalize upon completion of project.2) Conduit trench to terminate no more than 3' away from the bridge and shall not continue through the stream channel <p>Roll Call Vote on motion: BB, KM, JB, LS unanimous, YAY</p>	<p>Chair Brian made a motion to issue a negative 3 determination for the public hearing regarding 113 Wilder Road regarding the request for determination of applicability with two conditions as discussed. Jeff 2nd all unanimously agree.</p>

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3.	<p>Request for Determination – 147 Sugar Road – <i>proposed tree removal</i></p> <p>Gary Cantwell was present to provide a brief summary of the proposed work.</p> <p>The commission did not see any issue with the work proposed in the front of the single-family home. The Commission requested a site visit for the proposed tree removal at the rear of the home in close proximity to the resource area.</p> <p>Roll call vote on motion to continue: BB, KM, JB, LS unanimous, YAY</p>	<p>Chair Brian made a motion to continue the public hearing until September 15th 2020 at 7:45pm. Lori seconded, all unanimously agree.</p> <p>The commission requested a site visit be scheduled prior to the next public meeting.</p>
4.	<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.</p> <p>Don Cole inquired if work is being carried out on site and inquired how he could find out more information. The Conservation Administrator suggested he make an appointment to review the file.</p> <p>Roll call vote on motion to continue: BB, KM, JB, 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 15th 2020 at 7:50pm. Jeff seconded; All unanimously agree.</p>
5.	<p>Request for Certificate of Compliance – Houghton Farm Subdivision – <i>work associated with DEP#112-0561</i></p> <p>Special Conditions to be incorporated in the certificate of compliance ongoing conditions: 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 24, 38, 41, 42, 43, 46, 48, 49, 51.</p> <p>Roll call vote on motion to issue COC with ongoing conditions: BB, KM, JB, LS unanimous, YAY</p>	<p>Chair Brian made a motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance with ongoing conditions as stated for the project associated with DEP#112-0561.</p>
6.	<p>258 Hudson Road – wood chip as permanent stabilization inquiry</p>	<p>Commission requested seeding over wood chips.</p>

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7.	<p>933 Main Street – landscaping plan</p> <p>Paul Finger was present to provide a summary of the project to the commission.</p> <p>The commission established a site visit would be necessary.</p> <p>A request for determination of applicability has been submitted.</p>	Site visit to be scheduled prior to the next public meeting
8.	<p>Minutes – Chair Brian made a motion to approve the minutes from the public hearings dated 08/18/2020 Jeff seconded; all unanimously approve.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote on motion: BB, KM, JB, LS unanimous, YAY</p>	
11.	<p>Volunteer Land Steward Position – position open, accepting applications</p> <p>Also looking for a member to fill a Conservation Commission seat to bring the board to its full 7 members. Chair Brian mentioned there is an additional option of becoming an associate/non-voting member.</p>	
12.	<p>Taggart Updates – The Conservation Administrator is working with the property owner on an additional project to honor her father who had great interest in the town of Bolton and Conservation. The Town is working on closing on the property.</p>	
13.	<p>Conservation Management and Maintenance Items:</p> <p>There will be a focus on removing invasive species from the rattlesnake conservation area in the near future.</p> <p>Department of Public Works has begun parking area renovations as approved and authorized by the Conservation Commission at Bower Springs.</p> <p>The Conservation Administrator brought up that the trash is full of only dog waste. Noting this is better than on the trails but the removal of the waste at times becomes a hazard. The proposal is to work with DPW to determine a solution to address the overweight bags. It was requested if DPW could track their pick ups and weight of bags as well as majority content to confirm the issue. Additionally, the Commission noted that they are please to see the enjoyment of the property by all but see the need for further understanding of the impact to the conservation area. The Conservation Administrator noted a push for public outreach in the near future of the property being a conservation area first and foremost verses a park specifically for dogs as is frequently miscommunicated. The Commission suggested some options may be to look into sturdier bags, smaller bins, more frequent pick up or a specified composting option. Additionally the Commission suggested reaching out to local schools to see if students would be interested in carrying out a study and providing data related to users of the conservation properties which should then relay information related to the impacts to the conservation area.</p>	
14.	<p>Mail – Chapter 91/Dock permitting educational opportunity on September 29th 2020 from 1-3pm offered by DEP. Residents who have a dock or live on a Great Pond (Little and West Ponds) are strongly encouraged to attend.</p>	

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15.	Chair Brian made a motion to close the public meeting of the Conservation Commission September 3 rd 2020. Jeff seconded; all unanimously approve. Roll Call Vote on motion: BB, KM, JB, LS unanimous, YAY	

Approved Meeting Minutes

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