

Bolton Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes



Date:	Tuesday, June 29th 2021
Time/Location	7:00 p.m. Zoom (remote participation)
Commissioners Present:	Chair Brian Berube, William Payne, Lori Stephenson, Emily Winner, (Conservation Agent, Rebecca Longvall)
Guests:	YiYing, Gillian Glassanos, Jim Geraghty, Richard Davis
Next Meeting:	Tuesday, July 6 th 2021 7:00pm

1. Request for Determination of Applicability – 258 Harvard Road

The applicant was present to provide a summary of the proposed project to remove some 13 trees seven under 10" dbh and 6 over 10" dbh to increase sunlight on their home. Commission members inquired about extend of removal (4,200sqft) within the buffer and AURA, number and type of trees proposed to be removed, and existing grade on site. A site visit was requested to be carried out on Thursday July 1st after 5pm. The applicant was accepting of this.

Chair Brian made a motion to continue the public hearing for the Request for Determination of Applicability related to the proposed project located at 258 Harvard Road to 7:00pm on July 6th 2021. Emily seconded; all unanimously, Aye.

Roll Call Vote: LS Aye, BB AYE, WP Aye, EW AYE.

2. Request for Determination of Applicability – 100 Meadow Road Lot #4

The Conservation Agent provided an update being the applicant's representative has provided a letter confirming the Potential Vernal Pool will be surveyed on site and the limit of work moved outside of the conservation commission's jurisdictional area. Therefore, they allowed via email prior to the meeting a notice to allow the commission to continue the public meeting until the next public meeting of the conservation commission.

Chair Brian made a motion to continue the public hearing for the Request for Determination of Applicability related to the proposed project located at 100 Meadow Road (lot #4) to 7:15pm on July 6th 2021. Lori seconded; all unanimously, Aye.

Roll Call Vote: LS Aye, BB AYE, WP Aye, EW AYE.

3. | Continued Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation – 159 Ballville Road

The Conservation Agent provided an update being the applicant is still waiting on the DEP file# and comments. Chair Brian made a motion to continue the public hearing for the ANRAD located at 159 Ballville Road to 7:30pm on July 6th 2021. Lori seconded; all unanimously, Aye.

Roll Call Vote: LS Aye, BB AYE, WP Aye, EW AYE

4. **Continued Notice of Intent – Century Mill Road Map 3D Parcel 75** – proposed construction of three single family homes and widen and pave an existing gravel driveway

Conservation Agent provided a summary of the applicant's recent request via email to have the conservation commission continue the public hearing until the next meeting of the conservation commission in order to allocate time to review and respond to the peer review report had been received the day prior.

Chair Brian made a motion to continue the public hearing until Tuesday, July 6^{th} 2021 at 7:45pm for the proposed project located at Map 3D Parcel 75. Emily seconded; all unanimously AYE.

Roll Call Vote: LS Aye, BB AYE, WP Aye, EW AYE

5. **Vote** - Authorize and approve proposed trail location for newly acquired Taggart Forestland Parcel under LAND grant.

Commission members were comfortable with the use of existing cart paths and trails for the proposed trail location on Taggart and Forbush Mill Areas. The Commission was comfortable with the connection trail being discussed with private property owner and/or the Town of Lancaster to locate an appropriate access. The commission requested the SRTS Intern review the area down slope of the recently flagged proposed trail to complete a loop on the recently acquired Taggart Forestland Parcel. The two locations will be discussed on July 6th 2021 to finalize the location prior to July 7th 2021.

Chair Brian made a motion to approve and authorize proposed trail connections communications and Forbush Mill Conservation Area Trail. Bill seconded, all unanimously AYE.

Roll Call Vote: LS Ave, BB AYE, WP Ave, EW AYE

Chair Brian made a motion to approve and authorize proposed trail utilizing the existing cart path on the Taggart Forest Land Conservation Area except the trail section as mentioned above to be finalized at the next meeting. Lori seconded, all unanimously AYE.

Roll Call Vote: LS Aye, BB AYE, WP Aye, EW AYE

6. Vote – Vote Authorize and approve signage associated with the proposed public outreach initiative regarding dog waste and litter on Bowers Springs Conservation Area.

The Commission members commented on how pleased they were with the signage and saw that they would draw attention to the issues relayed. Additionally, they proposed to rotate the signs through the various properties and kiosks.

Chair Brian made a motion to authorize and approve signage associated with the proposed public outreach initiative regarding dog waste and litter on Bowers Springs Conservation Area. Lori seconded, all unanimously AYE.

Roll Call Vote: LS Aye, BB AYE, WP Aye, EW AYE

7. Minutes – Chair Brian made a motion to accept the minutes as drafted from the June 15th 2021 public meeting of the conservation commission. Lori Seconded; all unanimously agree.

Roll Call Vote: LS Aye, BB AYE, WP Aye, EW AYE

8. Conservation Property Updates: Maintenance and management items
Still River Trail Steward Update:

Flagging proposed trail from existing trails associated with Forbush Mill and Taggart lands including one proposed crossing. Draft trail map and propose connections between conservation and town owned lands. *The funding for this opportunity is provided by the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers Wild & Scenic Stewardship Council through the National Park Service under CFDA: 15.962 – National Wild and Scenic Rivers System*

Bowers Springs – Wattles have been installed. Areas around the pond adjacent to the wattles will be lined with downed logs then seeded by Bolton Conservation Trust in coordination with Tom Denney Nature Camp attendees/counsellors.

The Conservation Commission took a roll call vote to authorize the work contracted with BSC Group for just the earthen dam assessments as discussed at the last meeting. **LS, BB, WP, EW, all ok.**

The Conservation Agent noted that an attendee was a party who had expressed interest in serving on the Conservation Commission.

9. Chair Brian made a motion to adjourn the public meeting of the Conservation Commission Tuesday, June 29th 2021. Bill seconded; all unanimously AYE.

Roll Call Vote: LS Aye, BB AYE, WP Aye, EW AYE