



Bolton Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes



Date:	Tuesday, July 6 th 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,
Next Meeting:	Tuesday, July 27 th 2021 7:00pm via Zoom

1. **Request for Determination of Applicability – 258 Harvard Road**

The applicant was present. The Commission members who conducted a site visit on Thursday July 1st 2021 provided their comments and feedback. The Commission expressed concerns about the amount of vegetation proposed to be removed within the 100' buffer/Adjacent Upland Resource Area. The commission also noted the change in vegetation from saplings to upland ferns and other ground cover. They expressed the need for the applicant to utilize native species; shrubs or ground cover.

Chair Brian made a motion to close the public hearing for the Request for Determination of Applicability related to the proposed project located at 258 Harvard Road. Emily seconded; all unanimously, Aye.

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

Chair Brian made a motion to issue a Negative 3 Determination of Applicability with the following conditions as discussed at this evening's public meeting:

- 1) Removal of 5 large white pines toward the rear of the existing single-family home within the 60' area before the stone wall.
- 2) Within 35' from the rear of the existing single family home structure may be cleared of vegetation
- 3) The cleared area (within 35' from the rear) shall be seeded and/or planted with native wildlife conservation mix or other native plants. No invasive species shall be planted.
- 4) Conservation Agent shall conduct a site visit prior to commencement of work on site to confirm the limit of work and review native species with the applicant.

Bill 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 that the applicant has submitted a revised plan establishing all work shall be conducted outside of the jurisdictional area of the conservation commission specific to the Potential Vernal Pool and associated habitat (100' from pool) observed and surveyed on site. The revised plans "Sewage Disposal System Design Meadow Road (Lot # 4) Bolton Massachusetts" revision date of 6/25/2021, Sheets 1-2, signed and stamped by Gregory S. Roy of Dillis and Roy Civil Design Group.

Chair Brian made a motion to close the public hearing for the Request for Determination of Applicability related to the proposed project located at 100 Meadow Road (lot #4). Lori seconded; all unanimously, Aye.

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

Chair Brian made a motion to issue a Negative 4 Determination related to the proposed project located at 100 Meadow Road (lot #4) specific to the revised plans "Sewage Disposal System Design Meadow Road (Lot # 4) Bolton Massachusetts" revision date of 6/25/2021, Sheets 1-2, signed and stamped by Gregory S. Roy of Dillis and Roy Civil Design Group. Emily seconded; all unanimously, Aye.

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

3.	<p>Continued Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation – 159 Ballville Road The Conservation Agent provided an update being the DEP file# 112-0696 and no comments. Chair Brian made a motion to close the public hearing for the ANRAD for the Oaks Course located at 159 Ballville Road. Emily seconded; all unanimously, Aye. Roll Call Vote: LS Aye, BB AYE, WP Aye, EW AYE Chair Brian made a motion to issue an Order of Resource Area Delineation for the ANRAD for the Oaks course located at 159 Ballville Road. Bill seconded; all unanimously, Aye. Roll Call Vote: LS Aye, BB AYE, WP Aye, EW AYE</p>
4.	<p>Continued Notice of Intent – Century Mill Road Map 3D Parcel 75 – <i>proposed construction of three single family homes and widen and pave an existing gravel driveway</i> 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 provide a report and comments back to the commission. Chair Brian made a motion to continue the public hearing until Tuesday, July 27th 2021 at 7:00pm for the proposed project located at Map 3.D Parcel 75. Lori seconded; all unanimously AYE. Roll Call Vote: LS Aye, BB AYE, WP Aye, EW AYE</p>
5.	<p>Vote - Authorize and approve proposed trail location for newly acquired Taggart Forestland Parcel under LAND grant. The Conservation Agent provided an update from the SRTS summary regarding the two proposed locations of the trail to create a loop. Commission members expressed concern with the trail extending to create a loop through the Taggart property. The commission expressed there is a small loop or out and back utilizing existing cart path/access points. Additionally, they inquired about use of the rail bed and access road. The Conservation Agent clarified that the rail bed is not a public easement rather has been absorbed by property it is over in many cases. Therefore, discussions will need to be had with the property owner. She also clarified that even with a Conservation Restriction in place permission is still necessary from the property owner. The Commission authorized again the cart path and existing trail to be used. Chair Brian made a motion to approve and authorize proposed trail utilizing the existing cart path on the Taggart Forest Land Conservation Area and to the railbed on the Taggart property only. Lori seconded, all unanimously AYE. Roll Call Vote: LS Aye, BB AYE, WP Aye, EW AYE</p>
6.	<p>Minutes – Chair Brian made a motion to accept the minutes as drafted from the June 29th 2021 public meeting of the conservation commission. Lori Seconded; all unanimously agree. Roll Call Vote: LS Aye, BB AYE, WP Aye, EW AYE</p>
7.	<p>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. <i>*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*</i></p>
8.	<p>Chair Brian made a motion to adjourn the public meeting of the Conservation Commission Tuesday, July 6th 2021. Emily seconded; all unanimously AYE. Roll Call Vote: LS Aye, BB AYE, WP Aye, EW AYE</p>