

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
DRAFT MINUTES  
July 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7:00pm  
Town Hall, 663 Main Street**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS**

REQUEST FOR A DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY (RDA); NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI), ABBREVIATED  
NOTICE OF RESOURCE AREA DELINEATION (ANRAD), ORDER OF CONDITIONS (OOC)

**Present:** Emily Winner, Lori Stephenson, Jeffrey Bryan, Kip McNamara and Rebecca Longvall  
(Conservation Administrator)

**Absent:** William Payne, (Chair) Brian Berube,

At the request of the applicant, the commission continued the public hearings regarding the  
**Notices of Intent for 21 Century Mill Road, Lot 3, Lot 4 and the Request for Determination  
for Applicability for Lot 2.**

Emily made a motion to continue the public hearings regarding:

**21 Century Mill Road** to be held at 7:10pm at the Houghton Building on August 6<sup>th</sup> 2019. Jeff  
seconded; all unanimously agree.

**Proposed Lot 3** to be held at 7:15pm at the Houghton Building on August 6<sup>th</sup> 2019. Kip  
seconded; all unanimously agree.

**Proposed Lot 4** to be held at 7:20pm at the Houghton Building on August 6<sup>th</sup> 2019. Lori  
seconded; all unanimously agree.

**RDA for Proposed Lot 2** to be held at 7:25pm at the Houghton Building on August 6<sup>th</sup> 2019.  
Jeff seconded; all unanimously agree.

The Conservation Commission (hereinafter “the commission”) continued the discussion  
regarding the **request for certificate of compliance for the property located at 75 Century  
Mill Road** until August 6<sup>th</sup> 2019 as there was an outstanding item to be addressed.

The Conservation Commission considered the request from the Town of Berlin and Sudbury  
Valley Trustees to accept the portion of **land described as the Wendler property in the parcel  
size of < 1 acre**. This parcel is adjacent to the Fyfeshire Conservation Area in Bolton. The  
acceptance of this parcel aligns with the goals of the Open Space and Recreation plan in addition  
to resulting in a contiguous greenway and wildlife corridor of Clinton, Berlin and Bolton. The  
parcel (including the portion in Berlin) will add 30 acres to about 600.18 existing acres of open  
space. The hope would be once the property is accepted, that the Conservation Commission  
would work with Berlin to create a trail from Fyfeshire through the Wendler property connecting  
through Berlin to the Forty caves property shared in Berlin and Clinton ma.

Emily took a poll vote of the commission to accept the land donation of less than 1 acre  
“Wendler Property” and for the commission to recommend to the Board of Selectman to  
authorize the acceptance of the land donation. All unanimously voted YAY for the acceptance  
and recommendation to the Board of Selectman.

The Commission continued the discussion regarding the violation and fees associated with the common driveway located at 147 Long Hill Road. The peer review will occur July 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 by Amy Ball of Horsley and Witten. The applicant has requested a continuation of the discussion as the peer review had not yet been completed. The Commission will review the timelines established by both parties and establish at the next meeting whether the fines will be altered.

The Commission reviewed the violation of removal of vegetation within resource areas adjacent to the bordering vegetated wetland on the property located at 28 Houghton Farm Lane. The commission stated the violator shall allow the area to naturalize without further disturbance or alteration. There shall not be excess material placed within the resource areas. The Commission stated should the violator like to plant or seed the area the plantings must be approved prior. To be considered they must be a native plant.

The Commission reviewed the drafted **minutes**. Review will be continued to the next meeting for approval.

The Conservation Administrator inquired to the commission if they would like to begin conversations about the past proposal of land donation. Specifically, begin conversations with the property owner of the Taggart property off of Forbush Mill Road. The Commission authorized this action and inquired when the last time the town had purchased conservation land or open space.

The Commission reorganized establishing Brian Berube would remain Chair and Emily Winner would become Vice Chair of the commission.

Emily makes a motion close the Public Meeting of the Conservation Commission of July 9<sup>th</sup> 2019. Jeff seconded, all unanimously approve.