



Bolton Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes



Date:	Tuesday, August 17 th 2021
Time/Location	7:00 p.m. Zoom (remote participation)
Commissioners Present:	Chair Brian Berube, William Payne, Lori Stephenson, (Conservation Agent, Rebecca Longvall)
Guests:	Chris Anderson (Hannigan Engineering), Alex Duhani (Alphaterra Design), Charles Caron (Caron Environmental), Michelle & Ben Dowd (231 Sugar Road), Scott Hayes, David Yesue, Jonathan Keep,
Next Meeting:	Tuesday, September 7th 2021 7:00pm via Zoom

- Notice of Intent – 0 Main Street, Map 5.E Parcel 100 – *proposed temporary wetland crossing***
Chris Anderson was present to provide a summary of the notice of intent on behalf of his client and address the commission's inquiries. Proposed temporary crossing is intended to cross wetlands utilizing an existing cart path, which was previously permitted by the commission some time ago for a different project. The path will be about 12' wide with silt fence and straw wattles on either side of the path extending to an existing break in the stone wall to gain access to the upland areas. Caron Environmental will be restoring the wetland after the work has been completed. The work is substantially outside of jurisdictional area related to the soil testing aside from the temporary crossing. Chair Brian inquired to Lori if she was part of the original permitting process. Conservation Agent displayed the town GIS for location clarity. Conservation Agent provided a summary of her thoughts as requested by the Chair and summary of the preliminary site visit. Charles Caron described the restoration proposed incorporated any minor restoration of grade, shrubs to resprout and seed with native wetland seed mix upon completion. Chair Brian opened the hearing to the public.
Chair Brian made a motion to close the public hearing regarding 0 Main Street, Map 5.E – 100.
William seconded; all unanimously AYE.
Roll Call Vote: LS, BB, WP, AYE
The Chair noted they will discuss and consider the Order of Conditions at the next public meeting of the conservation commission September 7th 2021.

2. **Request for Determination of Applicability – 12 Deer Path, Map 6.B Parcel 152 - proposed pool, landscaping and deck**
Scott Hayes (Foresite Engineering) provided a summary on behalf of the applicant. Charles Caron conducted the wetland resource areas and riverfront area on site which accompanied the submittal. He expressed the project may be exempt under 10.58(6), minor exempt activity; conversion of lawn to accessory use. The proposed work includes a pool, fence, bluestone patio area and walkway. The commission inquired about the existing slope/grade of the property, the location of pool equipment, excess nutrients from backwashing of a pool, and the distance from the patio area around the pool to the fence location, specifically could this be minimized. Scott addressed this inquiry describing the steep slope outside of the area proposed for alteration, stating an area has yet to be designated for pool equipment and may be placed outside of the resource area then the area located to the north of the pool does not require clearing and may be minimized. Chair Brian invited the Conservation Agent to express her input. She echoed commissions concerns, relayed the commissions regulatory tasks in their decisions of; was the extent of existing lawn approved as part of the original approval, if so, does the project then meet the exemption stated by the applicant's representative. If the project does not meet the exemption, then the commission must determine if the project meets the 10% or <5,000 sq ft alteration of riverfront area, the currently proposed project does not meet that requirement, as the total alteration to riverfront area is around 11,000 sq ft total. Pulling items closer to the home and outside of the jurisdictional areas of the conservation commission will benefit the relative resource areas. Chair Brian opened the hearing to the public. Scott described the lot limitations on site which directed the placement of the proposed location. Chair Brian requested a site visit which was acceptable to the applicant.
Chair Brian made a motion to continue the public hearing until Tuesday, September 7th 2021 at 7:15pm for the proposed project located at 12 Deer Path. Lori seconded; all unanimously AYE.
Roll Call Vote: LS, BB, WP, AYE
3. **Notice of Intent – 231 Sugar Road, Map 5.D Parcel 85 - proposed construction of a garage structure, attached to the existing single-family home**
Michelle and Ben Dowd were present to provide a summary of their proposed project. The proposed work within jurisdictional areas includes the gravel driveway, corner of proposed garage structure and access to rear of home. Conservation Agent highlighted the need for roof runoff being directed away from resource area or into a drywell. Chair Brian inquired what the existing driveway material is and extent on site. The applicant stated the existing driveway follows outside the 100' buffer/75' AURA. The extension would be the turnaround proposed. Lori stated the area is very gradual as the site used to be field prior to houses being built. Chair Brian opened the hearing to the public. Chair Brian requested a site visit.
Chair Brian made a motion to continue the public hearing until Tuesday, September 7th 2021 at 7:30pm for the proposed construction of a garage structure located at 231 Sugar Road. William seconded; all unanimously, Aye.
Roll Call Vote: LS, BB, WP, 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**
The applicant requested via email to have the conservation commission continue the public hearing until the next meeting of the conservation commission.
Chair Brian made a motion to continue the public hearing until Tuesday, September 7th 2021 at 7:45pm for the proposed project located at Map 3.D Parcel 75. Lori seconded; all unanimously AYE.
Roll Call Vote: LS, BB, WP, AYE

5.	<p>Request for Certificate of Compliance – 626 Main Street, Map 2 Parcel 27 - A request for certificate of compliance is being requested for the project MassDEP File No. 112-0682</p> <p>Conservation Agent provided summary of the applicant's request and site visit conducted August 17th 2021. The area has been vegetated meeting the standards set by the conservation commission. The two items to be continued on site by the applicant are to add slightly more crushed stone on the installed landscaping fabric adjacent to the dry hydrant and overseed areas to the south west of the pond as discussed with the applicant. Chair Brian opened the hearing to the public.</p> <p>Chair Brian made a motion to issue a Complete Certificate of Compliance to the Fire Pond project located at 626 Main Street DEPfile#112-0682. Lori seconded; all unanimously approve.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: LS, BB, WP, AYE</p>
6.	<p>Minutes – Chair Brian made a motion to accept the minutes as drafted from the August 3rd 2021 public meeting of the conservation commission. Lori Seconded; all unanimously agree.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: LS, BB, WP, AYE</p>
7.	<p>Conservation Property Updates: Maintenance and management items</p> <p>Still River Trail Update:</p> <p>signage will be installed and opened to the public by the beginning of September.</p> <p>*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*</p> <p>Board Re-organization opportunity for FY22 – Brian inquired to Lori if she had time/interest in becoming the Chair. Lori nominated Brian as Chair; William seconded. Roll Call Vote: LS, BB, WP, AYE. William nominated Emily as vice chair; Brian seconded. Roll Call Vote: LS, BB, WP, AYE.</p> <p>Guided Trail Walk at Vaughn Hill Conservation Area</p> <p>Thursday, August 26th 2021 9am starting at Woodside Drive Trailhead</p> <p>MVP Program Action Grant Project – <i>Apple Country Natural Climate Solutions completed information is available via the project website: https://climateresilient.wixsite.com/applecountry/project-data-viewer</i></p> <p><i>Final report may also be found using the project website or this link:</i></p> <p>https://3673b23c-7171-47f0-b91c-8baa749785c4.filesusr.com/ugd/29afe1_877358fd47e943f793248d84655948e5.pdf</p>
8.	<p>Chair Brian made a motion to adjourn the public meeting of the Conservation Commission Tuesday, August 17th 2021. Lori seconded; all unanimously AYE.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: LS, BB, WP, AYE</p>