

## **Bolton Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes**



Date:	Tuesday, January 18 <sup>th</sup> 2022
Time/Location	7:00 p.m. Zoom (remote participation)
<b>Commissioners Present:</b>	Chair Brian Berube, William Payne, Gillian Glassanos, (Conservation Agent, Rebecca Longvall)
Guests:	Seth Donohoe (Dillis & Roy), Nan Schnitzler, Richard Davis, Rachel Watsky, Dean Charter, Paal Brandvold, Lauren Cilley, Maureen Herald, Scott Hayes
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	Tuesday, February 1st 2022 7:00pm via Zoom

1.	Introduction – introduction of future conceptual project 711-713 Main Street Representatives were not present. Therefore, no information shared.
2.	Minutes – Chair Brian made a motion to accept the minutes as drafted for the public meeting of January 4 <sup>th</sup> 2022. Gillian second; all unanimously approve. Roll Call Vote: BB, WP, GG AYE
3.	Request for Extension OOC Harvard Road 38/39 – update from applicant's representative on site and outstanding items Seth Donohoe was present to provide an update to the conservation commission. Conservation Agent confirmed update and will follow up with an additional site visit tomorrow.  Chair Brian made a motion to issue an extension for the wetland bylaw and WPA order of conditions associated with DEPfile# 112-0668 located on parcels associated with 38/39 Harvard Road. All unanimously AYE.  Roll Call Vote: BB, WP, GG AYE
4.	Notice of Intent – Taggart Forestland (off of Forbush Mill Road) – Trail Head improvements: installation of 1-2 gravel parking spaces along southern side of Forbush Mill Road and installation of a new trail crossing for passive recreation access into the property  Conservation Agent provided a summary of the proposed project. A crossing to access passive recreation opportunities in the 43 acre parcel and two gravel parking areas in an already semi-degraded road shoulder along Forbush Mill Road along the parcel frontage.  Chair Brian made a motion to close the public hearing. William Seconded; all unanimously AYE.  Roll Call Vote: BB, WP, GG AYE. OOC Vote shall be tabled until the next meeting on February 1st 2022.
5.	Notice of Intent – Lot 5 Meadow Road – proposed construction of single-family home and shared driveway The applicant's representative requested a continuation. Conservation Agent provided site visit summary. Chair Brian made a motion to continue the public hearing until February 1 <sup>st</sup> 2022 at 7:30pm. Gillian Seconded; All unanimously AYE. Roll Call Vote: BB, WP, GG AYE
6.	Notice of Intent – Lot 6 Meadow Road – proposed construction of single-family home and shared driveway The applicant's representative requested a continuation. Conservation Agent provided site visit summary. Chair Brian made a motion to continue the public hearing until February 1 <sup>st</sup> 2022 at 7:40pm. Gillian Seconded; All unanimously AYE. Roll Call Vote: BB, WP, GG AYE

7. 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

Scott Hayes, Dean Charter, and Rachel Watsky were present to represent the applicant. Rachel Watsky provided a summary and invited Scott Hayes to present the recently submitted tree plan with the associated narrative. The Tree Plan identifies trees within the limit of work that shall be removed as part of this proposal that are greater than 6" dbh. He highlighted that these trees are marked in the field with paint. Mitigation planting areas were also incorporated into these recently submitted documents. Conservation Agent expressed she had not had time to review these documents prior to the meeting and may have follow up questions which she will relay to the applicant's representative prior to the next meeting. Chair Brian opened the public hearing to the public for comment. Richard Davis of Hudson Road inquired about why trees along the driveway were not included and inquired about grading on Lot 4. Rachel Watsky and Dean Charter provided clarification on both items. Dean again expressed a summary of altering a critical root zone and associated disturbance then disturbance and extent of alteration that would cause death for the tree. Further inquiry focused on the justification of removing trees along the south site of Lot 4. The reasoning was related to the 4' of fill proposed in this area for grading associated with the septic system. Conservation Agent requested the commission to provide their availability for a site visit over the next two weeks. Commission members provided dates they would not be available.

Chair Brian made a motion to continue the public hearing regarding the NOI Century Mill Road, map 3.D parcel 75 Common driveway project until the next meeting of the conservation commission on February 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 at 7:50pm. William seconded; all unanimously AYE. Roll Call Vote: BB, WP, GG AYE

8. Vote – Request for Release of Escrow – 147 Long Hill Road Common Driveway – DEP file# 112-0620

Commission members inquired about how to enforce ongoing conditions if funds are released. Conservation Agent and Chair clarified what the funds were held for and what terms are in the OOC for their release. Conservation Agent clarified the enforceability applies still even if there were not ongoing conditions as the area is jurisdictional.

Chair Brian made a motion to release half of the funds held for the project associated with DEPfile#112-0620 in the amount of \$15,779.63 to accompany the Partial COC. Roll Call Vote: BB, WP, GG AYE

9. **Conservation Property Updates:** Maintenance and management items

**Guided Trail Walk** – Rattlesnake Conservation Area Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> 2022, 12:00pm starting at TH1 (off of Main St/Rte 117)

## **MVP Program**

Current FY21-FY22: Nashua River Communities Resilient Lands Management Project

Community members interested in learning more or interested in participating in this project please contact the Conservation Agent.

**Opportunity:** Volunteer Land Steward position

For all inquiries regarding this position please contact the Conservation Agent, call 978-779-3304 or email rlongvall@townofbolton.com

10. Chair Brian made a motion to adjourn the public meeting of the Conservation Commission Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 2022. Gillian seconded; all unanimously AYE.

Roll Call Vote: WP, BB, GG, AYE