

**HOLDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REMOTE MEETING
MINUTES
March 3, 2021**

Members Present: Michael Scott, Kenneth Strom, David Nyman, Elizabeth Parent, Heather Parry, Cathy Doherty

Not Present: Luke Boucher

Others Present: Glenda Williamson, Conservation Agent; Sara Flagg, Recording Secretary; Julian Votruba, NEED, Sunshine Ridge Subdivision; James Soucy, Sunshine Ridge Subdivision; Mike Elmes 138 Bailey Rd, Sunshine Ridge Subdivision; Maria Ares, 326 Shrewsbury St; Scott Morrisson, Ecotec, 326 Shrewsbury St; Sarah White, 175 Quinapoxet St; Tom Larson, Martelli Construction, Greenwood Estates

M. Scott opened the meeting at 7:02 pm, read Gov. Baker's order regarding virtual meetings.

**Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Holden Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Town of Holden website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting*

NOTICE OF INTENT – 326 Shrewsbury Street

DEP File #: 183-0678. Assessing Map 201, Parcel 66. The removal of vegetation, installation of lawn, fence and associated site work located partially within the 100-foot buffer of a resource area. Maria Ares, property owner. Rep. Scott Morrison, EcoTec Inc.

G. Williamson read the legal ad into record.

S. Morrison, EcoTec explained that there was an enforcement order and EcoTec went with Jarvis to delineate and flag the wetland area as a result. Some erosion controls of straw wattles are installed already. Limited grading required in the rear of the yard as it is relatively flat. Silt fence, hay bales or straw wattles are proposed to be installed.

G. Williamson shared that she walked the line Tuesday to inspect the wetland line and the delineation was accurate. No sign of erosion since the work has been done.

D. Nyman asked if the silt fence would be extended to the brush pile area and when the work would be starting. S. Morrison said they can certainly do that modification to extend it around the brush pile. The work is expected to start late April/early May.

Motion by K. Strom, seconded by C. Doherty, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOI 326 SHREWSBURY ST, DEP FILE #183-0678. APPROVED BY VOTE 6-0-1

Motion by K. Strom, seconded by C. Doherty, TO ISSUE A STANDARD ORDER OF CONDITIONS FOR 326 SHREWSBURY ST, DEP FILE #183-0678. APPROVED BY VOTE 6-0-1

Motion by K. Strom, seconded by C. Doherty, TO CLOSE THE ENFORCEMENT ORDER FOR 326 SHREWSBURY ST, DEP FILE #183-0678. APPROVED BY VOTE 6-0-1

REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY - 175 Quinapoxet Street
Assessing Map 102, Parcel 6. Deck remodel includes adding a 10' x 10' section of deck to the existing deck and moving stairs to opposite (east) side. The work is located within the 100-foot buffer of bordering vegetated wetland. Owner: Sarah White.

G. Williamson read the public meeting notice.

There was an existing delineation from the B&R Survey plan. G. Williamson confirmed the delineation. G. Williamson shared photos.

The Commission did not have questions or concerns

Motion by K. Strom, seconded by C. Doherty, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC MEETING AND ISSUE A NEGATIVE 3 FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY 175 QUINAPOXET STREET. APPROVED BY VOTE 6-0-1

DISCUSSIONAL

Greenwood Estates Construction Update

Tom Larson, Martelli Construction provided an update that sub-drains on Deanna Drive are currently being done. G. Williamson shared photos. 1,100' completed and 800' to be done as weather permits. Tree work is completed and only one machine remains, No stumps have been removed but will be done in phases as grading is done. Detention ponds had very minimal, clear water.

The Commission did not have any questions.

NOTICE OF INTENT – Sunshine Ridge Subdivision Bailey Road

DEP File #: 183-0677. Assessing Maps 173 & 172, Parcels 44 & 17 respectively. The construction of stormwater detention basins in association with a residential subdivision. The basins are located partially within the 100-foot buffer of a resource area. James Soucy, Julian Votruba, NEED, LLC. (*Con't. from 2-3-21*)

Julian Votruba, NEED, updated that since the last meeting the letters from the Commission have been addressed and revised the plans accordingly.

G. Williamson shared the revised plans.

J. Votruba highlighted the major changes: detention pond and spill way was moved as requested and the grading at Lots 4 and 5 were adjusted as requested. Also the sewer is going along the road, no longer through an easement but that is outside of the Commission's jurisdiction.

D. Nyman commented that there were a lot of erosion control changes and a construction schedule given. He would like to see quick-start seed mix applied on anything that won't be worked on for 14 days or tarp covering with anchors to avoid erosion of the stock piles.

On basin details shown on plan D.05, the labeling of invert of emergency spillways appears reversed from what the chart shows and needs a simple correction. On the grading plan C.01 there is an area near the detention basin where the drawing should be annotated to clearly ensure contractors see the design intent.

There was discussion about the design, standards and common practices about the adequacy of the detention pond emergency spillway. D. Nyman indicated that the Commission could decide to impose minimum freeboard as a condition of approval. Safe spillway design should be addressed to meet engineering "duty of care".

J. Votruba disagrees with this requirement but he will look into it and take the recommendation. M. Scott agreed that although it isn't a standard in Holden and that these are good, common practices especially in wooded areas and can be addressed nominally in design.

D. Nyman said that the new schedule shows a 25-week construction period so if it was approved by April and work began in May it would put construction ending in October.

J. Votruba replied that yes that would be the planned timeline and the stabilization would need to be done before winter as required regardless of if the timeline works perfectly or not. D. Nyman suggested that a status update be provided at the September meeting to advise winter erosion control if the project runs over the timeline. Julian is in agreement to that.

M. Scott said that the Commission needs additional time to review and they would be able to provide a ruling for the April meeting.

Motion by K. Strom, seconded by C. Doherty, TO CONTINUE THE HEARING FOR NOI SUNSHINE RIDGE SUBDIVISION, BAILEY RD TO APRIL 7TH MEETING. APPROVED BY VOTE 6-0-1

Oak Hill Subdivision

G. Williamson explained that there have been encroachments into the White Oak Conservation land behind some of the lots. K. Strom said there isn't much to update on beyond what was discussed last month.

Open Space and Rec. Plan

G. Williamson updated that the public survey has been sent out and there are 275 returns so far. Looking for youth feedback. The Commission suggested reaching out to the high school for assistance in having students answer the survey.

Town Forest Stewardship Plan

G. Williamson looked more into the grant and found that funding is drying up. With the workload they decided to pursue the grant next year but will take time to work on it internally to gather all of the necessary information prior to that.

MINUTES

July 8, 2020

Motion by D. Nyman, Seconded by K. Strom to APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR JULY 8, 2020. APPROVED BY A VOTE 5-0-2 (H. Parry abstained)

July 22, 2020 - continued to April 7th meeting.

Motion by C. Doherty, Seconded by D. Nyman TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 3, 2021 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AT 8:11 PM. APPROVED BY VOTE 6-0-1