

**HOLDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 5, 2022**  
**Town Hall**

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

**Not Present:** Luke Boucher

**Others Present:** Glenda Williamson, Conservation Agent; Sara Flagg, Recording Secretary; Tom Larson, Martelli Construction, Greenwood Estates; Kevin Harmon, 60 Brattle St; Kathy and Don Smith, 52 Brattle St.

M Scott opened the meeting at 7:00pm

**GREENWOOD ESTATES**

Tom Larson, Martelli Construction, updated that the only work currently at the site is for the retaining wall. An inspection found that there was material underwater so it was recommended that work be done to fix it which has been completed. Structural engineers and building inspector will conduct inspections once first level is installed. T Larson stated he checked the site today after the rain and did not observe any movement of sediments and he believes the ground has frozen and everything is stabilized.

G Williamson shared photos and plans. She recapped that one of the special conditions for this lot was permanent demarcation along the 25-foot no-disturb-zone. T Larson asked what type of material the Commission would like to see for demarcation. K Strom replied that typically boulders would be fine and indicated where the placement should be on the plans.

G Williamson asked if there was an update on the wetland report from Lucas Engineering, T Lason replied that he would follow up on that.

**REQUEST FOR FINAL COC – 252 HOLDEN STREET**

DEP File #: 183-0650. Assessing Map 238, Parcel 34. Garage addition, parking area and sewer service connection. WE Enterprises, Sadowski Engineering.

G Williamson received a request from the homeowner for a final inspection. G Williamson shared photos and the Commission observed some areas in the buffer that were not sufficiently stabilized. This item will be continued to the Commission's February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting date. G Williamson is to let the homewoner know that the COC was not issued and why.

**DISCUSSIONAL**

**Oak Hill Subdivision** – G Williamson shared the O&M plan and the engineer's report. They are looking for the Commission's feedback on the information. The Commission decided they need additional time to review the information and will discuss this item at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**Brattle Street/Doyle Road**

G Williamson and M Scott updated that they have tried to contact individual property owners. G Williamson was recently successful in reaching the owner of 100 Doyle Rd and the former owner of 78 Doyle. G Williamson had also looked at some engineering reports from when the work at the Tennis Court addition was built. M Scott recapped that there is still no clear answer on if they filled a historically flooded area or if there is jurisdiction. M Scott spoke with the previous owner at 78 Doyle Rd, who remembered that the conditions in his yard were worsening over a number of years and contributed to the reason he sold. That previous owner said that one of the neighbors was able to tie into the town system about 7 years ago.

Don Smith, 52 Brattle St, stated that they did a lot of recent work in their backyard and because of the fill done at 78 Doyle, it is currently unusable.

M Scott explained that none of the information gathered so far indicates the Commission has any jurisdiction. If they were able to prove jurisdiction then they would potentially issue an enforcement order but that wouldn't necessarily motivate any immediate resolution.

The Commission reviewed aerial views of the properties.

Kevin Harmon, 60 Brattle St, expressed his concerns again that he summarized in an end of the year memo to the Commission and Selectman Anthony Renzoni.

E Parent, asked if G Williamson had observed any wetlands in the area. G Williamson said she observed that the resident did work in the BVW buffer zone but not in a resource area.

D Nyman recapped that all discussions over the past several months have pointed to the Commission not having jurisdiction and reiterated that as discussed at the last meeting they should write a letter stating as such so that the neighbors can look for a resolution.

M. Scott stated that the Commission will make a final determination at the next meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Mass Central Rail Trail (MCRT)**

G Williamson said that there is a new trail section being constructed between Mill Street and the existing rail trail that terminates at Princeton Street. Improvements to the existing trail will be part of the work and the Commission authorized the work under a Determination of Applicability (DOA). G Williamson stated that she has asked the

applicant to install additional erosion controls along a short section above the resource area located at the bottom of a steep slope. K Strom said that he has done some pro-bono survey work for this project and is familiar with the work to be done.

The Commission reviewed the project map again and will keep an eye on the project since there will be a lot of earthwork just outside of the 100-foot buffer on the new trail section.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**NOI Account** – G Williamson said the current balance is approx. \$120,000. M Scott reached out to an attorney to discuss what options there may be to utilize these funds. G Williamson expressed that she would like to see a Conservation Fund created and will look into how to establish this.

**Open Space and Rec. Plan Draft** – G Williamson said that the draft plan was presented to Planning and the Board of Selectman and that the Committee is waiting for letters of support from the WOLCS, the Planning Board and the BOS.

**Holden Town Forest** – G Williamson is waiting for the State to approve the grant. Once approved, she will start on the 10-year Stewardship Plan.

K Strom mentioned that OSRP for 6 frontage lots on Henninger Puffer Parcel is going before the Planning Board next week.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **September 8, 2021**

Motion by D Nyman, seconded by K Strom to APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 MINUTES AS REVISED Approved by a vote 6-0-1 (M Scott abstained)

Motion by C Doherty, Seconded by E Parent TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 5, 2022 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AT 8:43 PM. APPROVED BY VOTE 6-0-0.

APPROVED: April 6, 2022