

HOLDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
HOLDEN SENIOR CENTER
MAY 4TH, 2022
MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Kenneth Strom, Luke Boucher, Michael Scott, Heather Parry, Elizabeth Parent and David Nyman

Others Present: Glenda Williamson, Conservation Agent; Sara Flagg, Recording Secretary; Daniel Marinone, Eagle Lake Beach; Scott Morrison, Eagle Lake Beach; Mitch Maslanka, Goddard Consulting, 80 Moscow Rd;

M Scott opened the meeting at 7:00pm

Request for Determination of Applicability – Eagle Lake Beach

The proposed work consists of the placement of approx. 10 cubic yards of sand to restore the degraded beach area. The work is directly adjacent to Eagle Lake on town-owned property, assessing map 113, parcel 2. Rep. Daniel Marinone, Friends of Eagle Lake.

Daniel Marinone, Friends of Eagle Lake, explained that sand has eroded from the beach area over time and the Friends of Eagle Lake are proposing to do maintenance at the Eagle Lake beach area with the placement of approximately 10 cubic yards of screened sand.

G Williamson shared photos of the area. M Scott asked for work schedule. D Marinone replied after Con Comm approval they would do some fundraising and request estimates from various companies for the cost of the sand and the work. He stated that they would like to do the work as soon as possible. Scott Morrison, Friends of Eagle Lake, explained that previously, volunteers had raked the eroded sand up out of the shoreline area and that this is the first time that they will be adding sand. K Strom asked if there had been discussion with the Town Manager. D Marinone and S Morrison stated that they both have received permission from the Town Manager and the DPW.

D Nyman asked if there are any DEP guidelines on beach maintenance for inland areas. S Morrison said that he has the understanding that beach nourishment rules for coastal areas states that if it was being put below the water level then it would need an Order of Conditions but since this is above the water line it can be permitted with an RDA. D Nyman said that if work is being done on the bank then it would be work in the resource area and it would need to be permitted differently. S Morrison replied that there is a sketch plan that shows the limit and the work would be in the buffer zone. D Nyman asked whether it would make sense to install erosion controls during the winter season to prevent sedimentation to the lake, or if some other maintenance approach would be appropriate to minimize loss of sand into the water. S Morrison said the volunteers could certainly rake sand back up to the beach area as they maintain the area seasonally, rather than try to install erosion controls

Motion by K Strom, seconded by L Boucher to ISSUE A NEGATIVE 3 DETERMINATION FOR RDA, EAGLE LAKE BEACH. Approved by a vote of 6-0-0.

Request for Determination of Applicability – 80 Moscow Road

Assessing Map 53, Parcel 34. The proposed work consists of the replacement of an existing home with a new home of similar size, a garage and the upgrade of the septic system. A portion of the work is located in the 100-foot buffer of a BVW, Rep. Patrick Healy, Thompson & Liston.

Mitch Maslanka, Goddard Consulting, shared plans showing the scope of work. House and driveway would be outside of the 100' buffer zone. The only portion of work in the buffer zone is a small amount of grading associated with the proposed septic system. M Maslanka stated that erosion controls would be installed at the limit of work.

G Williamson explained she did a site visit and the wetland area is located at the back of the lot and at the bottom of the slope.

M Scott asked if the area where the new home will be built is mostly cleared of vegetation. The homeowner stated that there are no large trees in this area and that the new home will be constructed where the old shed was located. L Boucher asked if the resource area at the bottom of the slope is a vernal pool. M Maslanka replied that he was there in the Spring of last year and did not see any signs (i.e. egg masses) that this could be a vernal pool.

E Parent asked if the 100-year flood elevation extends onto the property at all since there will be fill added. M Maslanka said the work is well above any flood plains and referenced his ortho-map.

Motion by D Nyman, seconded by K Strom to ISSUE A NEGATIVE 3 DETERMINATION FOR RDA-80 MOSCOW RD., WITH THE CONDITIONS THAT EROSION CONTROLS ARE TO BE INSTALLED AND THAT ANY LARGE BOULDERS ENCOUNTERED ON THE SITE BE PLACED AT THE LIMIT OF WORK. Approved by a vote of 6-0-0.

Request for Finl COC – 69 Willow Brook Road

DEP File #: 183-0249. Assessing Map 185, Parcel 56. Construction of an addition within the buffer of BVW and Riverfront. Steven Spodick. COC requested by Peters & Sowyrda.

G Williamson shared photos from the site. There was an addition added to the home and a final COC was never issued. The Commission agreed that the site is sufficiently stabilized at this time.

Motion by K Strom, seconded by H Parry to ISSUE A FINAL COC FOR 69 WILLOW BROOK RD. Approved by a vote of 6-0-0.

Request for Final COC – 95 Cutler Road

DEP File #: 183-0639. Assessing Map 84, Parcel 28. Construction of a single family home, driveway and septic system. A portion of the work is within the 100 foot buffer of BVW. Rep. Jim Harrity; Owner, Anthony Rovenilli.

G Williamson shared photos of the site and stated that the homeowners are currently constructing a shed on the far eastern corner of the lot. M Scott asked if the area of disturbance is outside the 100-foot buffer to the resource area. G. Williamson stated yes, it is outside and that the remainder of the site is fully stabilized.

Motion by E Parent, seconded by L Boucher to ISSUE A FINAL COC FOR 95 CUTLER ROAD. Approved by a vote of 6-0-0.

PROJECT UPDATES

Greenwood Estates – Clea Blair, Jackson Woods Real Estate, updated that lower Deanna Drive (Crossing number 2) has been built with the approved 1 to 1 slope however there were some issues and it wasn't properly inspected during construction. The solution they are proposing is to do a 2 to 1 slope instead, they will have to add fill to the area and extend the base of the wall into the wetland area at crossing number 2. C Blair said that Art Allen with Eco-Tec went to the site today to review both the original and the new wetland delineation performed by Julian Votruba. They believe that the new wetland line is configured differently than the original and would like the Commission to accept the new delineation. The amended delineation would result in a lower impact associated with extending the slope to 2:1. A Allen suggested that they restore two areas along the existing cart path at the upper Deanna Drive crossing. This would be mitigation for increased wetland impacts at the base of the slope along the lower Deanna Drive crossing.

E Parent and L Boucher pointed out that the area of wetland impact would be different than originally proposed and that the change to the wetland delineation and increased impacts may not be permitted with an amended Order of Conditions.

The Commission discussed what the procedure would be to make this change and the Commission asked G Williamson to reach out to the DEP for guidance on the proposed changes. Tom Larson, Martelli Construction, said that they would like to continue drawing the plan with these changes to get the final numbers and then submit them through whatever process is necessary. The Commission requested the area to be properly flagged and staked on the site and the updated plans to clearly reflect any changes to the slope design and wetland delineation.

Sunshine Ridge Bailey Road

G Williamson shared that the contractor has started clearing trees. She stated that she will allow them to clear the trees before installing the erosion controls, to avoid damage to the silt fence. She will make an inspection to the site tomorrow to check on the progress of the work.

Main St. Drainage Improvements

G Williamson updated that erosion controls along Powers Rd are being installed tomorrow and that structures will be delivered to the work are in mid-May.

Bob Elms Trail (Phase 2)

G Williamson updated that Grant winners will be announced later this month and NEMBA asked if any extra funds from the ARPA could be used to fund the project.

OTHER BUSINESS

Town Forest Stewardship Plan

G Williamson talked to forester, he is still working on the plan and will send a draft copy for review as soon as possible.

Puffer/Heininger Property CR

K Strom explained that the 6 lots proposed were not approved by the Planning Board as the abutters felt the sites were too small. They regrouped and are redesigning for 4 lots and potentially selling lots to abutters.

Commission Member – The Commission reviewed some candidates for the vacancy. G Williamson will follow up with the interested parties and will invite them to attend a monthly Conservation meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 2, 2022

Motion by K Strom, Seconded by L Boucher TO ACCEPT THE FEBRUARY 2, 2022 MINUTES AS AMENDED. Approved by a vote of 6-0-0.

March 2, 2022

Motion by D Nyman, Seconded by L Boucher TO ACCEPT THE MARCH 2, 2022 MINUTES AS AMENDED. Approved by a vote of 6-0-0.

Motion by D Nyman, Seconded by E Parent TO ADJOURN THE MAY 4, 2022 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AT 8:19 PM. Approved by a vote of 6-0-0.

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