

**HOLDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 1st, 2023**

Members Present: Kenneth Strom, Elizabeth Parent, David Nyman, Heather Parry, Hannah Lipper, Luke Boucher

Not Present: Michael Scott

Others Present: Glenda Williamson, Conservation Agent; Sara Flagg, Recording Secretary; Tom Larson, Martelli Construction; Clea Blair, Greenwood Estates; Patrick Wood, Holden DPW, Quinapoxet Culvert; David Brooks, 131 Autumn Circle; Matthew Marro, Matthew S. Marro Environmental Consulting, 350 South Rd.

K Strom opened the meeting at 7:02 pm.

GREENWOOD ESTATES UPDATE

Jackson Woods Investments LLC; Tom Larson, Martelli Construction

T Larson updated that a few more foundations have been done. Lot 40 footings to be poured tomorrow. Roads were swept today and the list from the Graves Engineering report has been completed. G Williamson met with T Larson on site and there are three dead trees just inside the 25-foot no disturb zone that are dead and are to be removed.

Clea Blair commented that there is a drainage swale behind the lots on Stephanie Dr. The water from the driveways needs to be drained but everything is graded up and the driveways flow into the street.

C Blair stated that the deck at the back of lot 36 encroaches into the 20-foot-wide swale and they would like to either shift the swale further toward the wetland or to make the swale narrower to provide more space at the back of the homes. D Nyman corrected C Blair that the Stormwater Management regulations do require the treatment of roof runoff. He additionally pointed out that the design is made to work together to control peak runoff rates and nothing here indicates that there would not be an impact if the swale were removed. T Larson pointed out that the swale is a low point so the water flow would still continue to the detention pond. E Parent and L Boucher both mentioned that the easement is not dictated by the Commission but suggested the swale size could probably be adjusted. D Nyman suggested they come back with revised plans showing what they would like to do and with calculations

showing the impact of the change.

NOTICE OF INTENT – QUINAPOXET CULVERT

DEP File #: 183-0689. In-kind culvert replacement for the existing Quinapoxet Street roadway over Warren Tannery Brook. The work is located within regulated resource areas. Patrick Wood, Holden DPW; Jody Trunfio, Tec Inc.

Patrick Wood, Holden DPW, updated that the original design was not able to work due to site conditions. TEC researched the options suggested by D Nyman. He reviewed the memo that was sent. Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) appears to be the only viable option due to the site constraints. TEC recommended that an in-kind replacement be done with the 32” CMP pipes. D Nyman said that he reviewed this thoroughly and the explanations provided by TEC made sense. He questioned the absence of the separation between the pipes which is a requirement. G Williamson requested final plans.

NOTICE OF INTENT – 1665 MAIN STREET

Dep File # 183-0696. Assessing Map 100, Parcel 94. Construction of a parking lot associated with an existing building and repairs to the existing concrete slab. A portion of the work is located within the 100-foot buffer of Mill Pond/Eagle Lake, BLSF and Riverfront Area. Jefferson Mills LLC; Julian Votruba, NEED. (Con’t from Feb 8th)

The applicant requested a continuance to the Wednesday, April 5th meeting date.

REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION – 131 AUTUMN CIRCLE

Assessing Map 237, Parcel 103. Demolition of attached garage and construction of a larger attached garage in the same location. The work is located within the 100-foot buffer of an intermittent stream with BVW. David and Audrey Brooks, owners. (Con’t from Feb 8th)

David Brooks, 131 Autumn Circle, updated that since the last meeting they have finalized the design and included the comments from K Strom and M Scott who did a site visit. K Strom said that they staked out the area for the new garage location and that the resource area is well defined. H Lipper asked how close the new structure would be to the wooded area. G Williamson said it will be 10-feet. H Parry questioned the downspout discharge. The Commission reviewed and determined it shouldn’t be an issue as stormwater from three of the four gutter downspouts would get picked up by the stone trench.

Motion by E Parent, seconded by L Boucher to **ISSUE A NEGATIVE 3 DETERMINATION WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

1. Contact Agent once Erosion Controls are installed.
2. Excavated materials must be taken off site.
3. No tree cutting.

Approved by a vote of 6-0-0.

REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION –597 MALDEN STREET

Assessing Map 135, Parcel 6. Expansion of the existing septic system and the construction of an addition onto the existing home. A portion of the work is located within the 100-foot buffer of BVW. Owners, Michael & Greere Chilton; Elbag Engineering.

Neither the representative of the homeowner was present for the hearing. This item will be continued to the Commission's April meeting date.

ENFORCEMENT ORDER – 350 SOUTH ROAD

Unauthorized work in resource and buffer areas. Steven Ninos, owner.

Matthew Marro, Matthew S. Marro Environmental Consulting, is working with the homeowner to develop a restoration plan. They are currently finalizing bids with an engineering firm for the restoration.

K Strom said that he and M Scott went to the property. There was a lot of fill and a sediment trail all the way down to the stone wall at the back of the lot. The Commission reviewed photos of the area.

M Marro explained that after the engineering firm is selected, they will get timelines and will inform the Commission of the restoration status. He will also contact the City of Worcester and get permission to walk the impacted area and delineate the area. Once the plan is finalized, he will come back before the Commission to present the restoration plan.

PROJECT UPDATES/OTHER

Elmwood Avenue – 8 Lots

G Williamson said she is keeping a close eye on the project. It has been moving rapidly and she did not encounter any issues at the last site inspection.

Sunshine Ridge - Bailey Road

G Williamson has not visited recently but would like to set up a site visit.

61 Manning Street

The Commission discussed and G Williamson didn't find any evidence of wrong doing.

1285 Main Street

G Williamson shared photos of the site. She stated that she could not determine who was responsible for placing the dirt piles near the pond. According to the regulations the property owner is responsible.

Final CR - WOLCS Salisbury St

The Commission members reviewed and signed the final Conservation Restriction.

**FOREST CUTTING PLAN – DCR CH. 132- 54.7 Acres off Reservoir Street.
City of Worcester DPW&P**

G Williamson is waiting for a call to visit the area.

18 Acres off Manning Street – Lincoln & Tammy Barton

The Commission reviewed and discussed the plan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 7th, 2022

Continued to April 2023 meeting.

Motion by E Parent, seconded by L Boucher to ADJOURN THE MARCH 1, 2023 CONSERVATION MEETING AT 8:55. Approved by a vote of 6-0-0.