

**HOLDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 5th, 2023**

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

**Others Present:** Glenda Williamson, Conservation Agent; Sara Flagg, Recording Secretary; Brad Stone, Holden DPW

M Scott opened the meeting at 7:00 pm

**GREENWOOD ESTATES – Construction, Sediment and Erosion Control**

No representative attended the meeting for July 5th. G Williamson provided updated photos of the Lot 61R drainage/sewer easement. She stated that three large tree logs were placed directly in the stream above the wetland crossing on Deanna Drive. Boulders are in the no disturb zone. The Commission supported issuing an enforcement order if the area is not cleaned up.

**REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY**

Holden DPW Five year (2023-2027) Vegetation Management Plan for town-owned right-of-ways. Portions of the work are located in jurisdictional resource areas and buffer zones. Stephanie Hanson, CEI. Brad Stone Holden DPW.

D Nyman recused himself.

Brad Stone, Holden DPW, reviewed the management and project plans and expressed that they are seeking a negative determination which would be valid for 5 years.

There was discussion about the plans. The Commission requested yearly plans indicating the locations of regulated resource areas and buffers.

Motion by K STROM, seconded by E PARENT to ISSUE A NEGATIVE-2 AND A NEGATIVE-3 DETERMINATION FOR HOLDEN DPW FIVE-YEAR VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. The work must adhere to Table 1. Sensitive Area Restrictions as described on Pages 8 and 9 in the VMP.
2. For any chemical treatments to be conducted outside of paved portions of right-of-ways, notification and mapping must be provided to the Commission in advance. Approved by a vote of 6-0-1 (D Nyman abstained)

**REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY**

Roadway, drainage improvements and installation of 220-linear feet of 5-foot sidewalk along Shrewsbury Street from Arizona Ave to the West Boylston line. A portion of the work is located adjacent to a jurisdictional stream. Brad Stone, Holden DPW. Brad Stone, Holden DPW, reviewed

the plans, he mentioned that grant funding was acquired to cover the costs. G Williamson shared photos.

B Stone said that in repaving the roadway there would be some buffer zone work under the scope of work.

E Parent asked about the size of the pipe for the catch basin. B Stone clarified that there is no plan for a manhole and it would be retrenched. E Parent suggested looking at other ways to tie into it for minimal disturbance. The Commission requested more detail.

M Scott asked about the erosion control. B Stone said that straw wattles at the limit of work are typically used. There was discussion about the use of catch basin silt sacs and B Stone commented that a lot of maintenance is required if not constantly monitored, but DPW would be agreeable to use in silt sacs in the areas where work would be completed quickly. The Commission clarified that silt sacks would be more important for the buffer zone work and should be prioritized since there is stormwater discharge to a stream.

B Stone explained that the grant money has to be spent by the end of the year and this is a project that is already contracted out. Holden DPW is asking the Commission to make a determination since they are up against the construction season timeline.

Motion by E PARENT, seconded by L BOUCHER to ISSUE A NEGATIVE-3 DETERMINATION FOR HOLDEN DPW ROADWAY, DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND INSTALLATION OF 220-LINEAR FEET OF 5-FOOT SIDEWALK ALONG SHREWSBURY ST WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. Install staked straw wattles at the limit of work within the buffer zone along the stream from Sta. 3+50 to 7+00.
2. Install catch basin silt sacks within the 100-foot buffer prior to the start of work
3. Provide the Commission with a revised plan or sketch should additional drainage structures be required.

Approved by a vote of 7-0-0

### **350 SOUTH ROAD – ENFORCEMENT ORDER**

Assessing Map 181 , Parcel 10. Unauthorized work in resource area and buffer. Owner, Steve Ninos; Rep. Matt Marro, Matthew S. Marro Environmental Consulting (*con't from June 5th*)

G Williamson said that the applicant will not have any updated information until August.

### **PROJECT UPDATES**

**Fisher Road – Wingspan** - G Williamson updated that cutting began today. She has inspected the limits of cutting which were significantly reduced due to the removal of individual septic systems and the construction of a sewer main. She inspected the erosion controls and stated everything looks good.

**Dawson Recreation** - G Williamson updated that there is a MEPA meeting on Friday and she will be attending.

**200 Salisbury St** - G Williamson updated that cutting has started at the area of the basketball courts.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**January 11, 2023** - Motion by D Nyman, seconded by E Parent TO APPROVE THE JAN 11th, 2023 MINUTES AS AMENDED. Approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (L Boucher was not present at this meeting)

**March 1, 2023** Continued to August 2023

**April 5, 2023** Continued to August 2023

Motion by D Nyman seconded by K Strom to close the July 5, 2023 meeting at 8:06 pm Approved by a vote of 7-0-0