

**HOLDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Wednesday September 2, 2020**

**7:00 PM**

**\*REMOTE MEETING\***

**Members Present:** Kenneth Strom, David Nyman, Mike Scott, Luke Boucher, Elizabeth Parent, Cathy Doherty

**Others Present:** Glenda Williamson, Conservation Agent; Sara Flagg, Recording Secretary; Paul McManus, Eco-Tec; Tom Larson, Greenwood Estates

M. Scott opened the meeting at 7:02pm, 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 – DEP File #: 183-0675**

51 Birchwood Drive, Assessing Map 225, Parcel 102. Construction of a porch, sunroom, deck, pool, restoration, grading and associated site work. Adam Camossee – owner. Scott Morrison, Eco-Tec/Jarvis Land Survey (*con't from Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>*)

Paul McManus, EcoTec, Inc., shared that a revised plan and letter were sent Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. G. Williamson shared the letter with the Commission.

P. McManus went through the punch list from the August meeting and all of the adjustments that were made to meet the guidance from the Commission.

M. Scott commented that the new plan included all the detail they had asked for.

L. Boucher said his notes from the last meeting indicated that the fill would be removed from the 25-foot no disturb zone.

P. McManus commented that they had included a planting plan for re-vegetating the 25' zone. E. Parent pointed out that the topography shows a cut in the plan in that area. The planting plan was reviewed and P. McManus confirmed there are no ALB host species proposed in the 25-foot zone.

D. Nyman asked about the demarcation for the 25' no disturb zone. P. McManus replied there is nothing currently on the plan related to that.

Motion by L. Boucher, seconded by D. Nyman TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR DEP FILE # 183-0675 51 BIRCHWOOD DRIVE. APPROVED BY A VOTE 6-0-0.

Motion by D. Nyman, seconded by L Boucher TO ISSUE A STANDARD ORDER OF CONDITIONS FOR DEP FILE # 183-0675, 51 BIRCHWOOD DRIVE WITH THE SPECIAL CONDITION THAT DEMARCATION WITH BOULDERS BE ADDED ALONG THE 25-FOOT NO DISTURB ZONE. APPROVED BY A VOTE 5-0-1 (C. DOHERTY ABSTAINED)

### **ENFORCEMENT ORDER**

51 Birchwood Drive, Assessing Map 225, Parcel 102. Adam Camosse. Unauthorized work in a resource area and 100-foot buffer to a resource area.

M. Scott suggested that the enforcement order could be closed since the Commission voted to issue an order of Conditions. L. Boucher added that there may need to be a date included for the work to be completed. M. Scott agreed and suggested to leave the enforcement open until the plantings have been completed.

G. Williamson clarified that the Enforcement Order stated that all of the replication work in the 25-foot zones needs to be completed. M. Scott and G. Williamson will plan to meet at the site to review the work completed and the Enforcement Order will be left open for the time being.

### **GREENWOOD ESTATES UPDATE**

Construction, Grading Plan, Replication Area, Stormwater

Tom Larson, Martelli Construction provided an update. T. Larson said the plantings are going well and the grass leading up to that area is coming in nicely. The ponds are virtually empty. Gravel for Stephanie Drive is completed to grade and Deanna Drive is beginning. Underground electric is in and inspected. Erosion control, pond 7 was cleaned out and an access road remains. All other ponds look good.

T. Larson said that more work has been done on the pump station including the installation of the generator.

G. Williamson commented that the replication area came out very good. She walked the site and everything looks much better than it did a year ago.

T. Larson added that tree removal will begin for the section of grading between upper and lower Deanna Drive. This work will be done in sections; cutting then grading and stabilizing before moving to the next section.

### **DISCUSSIONAL**

Heritage Lane Pump Station/Tree Planting

G. Williamson said that she met with Riccardi Construction last week. They want to plant 15 trees in the buffer zone where they removed existing trees. M. Scott asked how many were taken out. G. Williamson replied about 18 large trees.

M. Scott asked if there will be any interference with the power lines. G. Williamson replied that was the reason given for why the trees were removed in the first place.

D. Nyman suggested that a planting plan should be submitted so it can be clear what they are proposing.

M. Scott asked G. Williamson to provide the contact information and the plans so that he can meet with them to discuss. L. Boucher added that it should be determined how many trees were cut within the 25-foot no disturb zone.

**FOREST CUTTING PLAN** – 21 Acres off Harris Street. DCR Property.

**FOREST CUTTING PLAN** – 44 Acres off Manning St/River St. DCR Property.

The Commission reviewed the plans. G. Williamson said there isn't any jurisdiction for the Conservation Commission since this is an approved cutting plan. Comments can be submitted within 10 days of receipt of the plans however the plans were from Aug 13th.

M. Scott suggested a general comment could be made that Spring work would want to be avoided due to the volume of rain and high water table during this time.

#### **BAILEY RD DEVELOPMENT**

P. Harding requested comments from the Commission. G. Williamson said that original plan showed 6 lots but Julian Votruba submitted a new one showing 12 lots. No NOI has been submitted yet.

M. Scott mentioned the concerns from the public of water runoff towards Dawson School, high ground water, etc. G. Williamson showed the plans briefly which appear to be stamped by a mechanical engineer. M. Scott said that this may not come before the Commission if it doesn't have jurisdiction.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 8, 2020**

Motion by D. Nyman, seconded by L. Boucher to APPROVE THE JAN 8, 2020 MINUTES AS CORRECTED. VOTED 4-0-2 (C. Doherty and E. Parent abstained)

Motion by L. BOUCHER, seconded by D. NYMAN, TO ADJOURN THE AUGUST 5, 2020 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AT 8:52 PM. APPROVED BY VOTE 6-0-0.