

HOLDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday December 2, 2020

7:00 p.m.

REMOTE MEETING

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

Not Present: Cathy Doherty

Others Present: Glenda Williamson, Conservation Agent; Sara Flagg, Recording Secretary; Tom Larson, Greenwood Estates; Paul McManus, Eco-Tec; Maria Montague, 326 Shrewsbury Street; Matt Pelouquin, Bennet & Forts.

K. Strom opened the meeting at 7:06 pm, 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*

GREENWOOD ESTATES UPDATE

Tom Larson, Greenwood Estates, provided an update on the project. After last rainstorm there was slight sand movement on Stephanie Drive. Tomorrow a few more check dams will be added. Ponds are handling the water well and all water has been flowing into them. Tree cutting is halfway done. No date yet for the sub-drains wherever there is a cut on the sides of the road, that is the next scheduled activity on site.

G. Williamson commented that she was on site last week and observed that erosion control items are still in good shape.

K. Strom said he went on site November 6th but it was prior to the work that Tom mentioned.

ENFORCEMENT ORDER

326 Shrewsbury Street. Assessors Map 201, Parcel 66. James and Maria Ares. Clearing of back yard within the 25-foot no-disturb zone. Paul McManus, Eco-Tec.

Paul McManus, Eco-Tec updated that the wetlands have been delineated, slightly more conservative than the GIS. No alteration to the resource area observed. Jarvis Surveying has flagged and Scott Morrison will be submitting a Notice of Intent once report is

received from Jarvis. Paul also commented that Scott noted the area is flat and a straw waddle should be sufficient for erosion control.

G. Williamson said that she didn't observe any need for erosion control. Delineation may have been wrong when it was done 25 years ago because she didn't observe any hydric soil.

Homeowners stated their intent is to build an accessory apartment attached to their primary home and they were clearing the area to create yard space.

Mr. Landgren, 314 Shrewsbury St, abutter to the applicant, commented that he spoke to the neighbors when they started clearing and they commented that 20-feet would be cleared but later an excavator came and began clearing much more area. He referenced the enforcement order in 1999-2000 and wetland delineation from 1997 that show wetlands and the vegetation that are now no longer there.

M. Scott commented that there is no evidence of hydric soil so those enforcements and plans from 1997-1999 would be outdated to how the site is now. G. Williamson said the clearing area is about 75-100 feet back.

Mr. Landgren also mentioned there is an area that abuts both properties that is always wet and would like erosion control put there that will maintain so it doesn't get worse over the winter into the springtime. P. McManus answered that he will bring that up to Scott to review.

The Commission will await the forthcoming NOI.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION – 183-0650

252 Holden Street. Assessing Map 238, Parcel 34. Wando D'Oliveiro. Single-family home in the 100-foot buffer. One-year extension requested by property owner.

G. Williamson said the applicant found the original order and brought it to be recorded. She asked them to put straw bales along the left of the driveway but can't tell from the photos they sent if it is sufficient.

Motion by D. NYMAN, seconded by K. STROM, TO GRANT A 1-YEAR EXTENSION FOR ORDER OF CONDITIONS FOR DEP FILE #183-0650 252 HOLDEN STREET. APPROVED BY VOTE 6-0-1.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION – 183-0657

37 Preservation Lane. Assessing Map 165, Parcel 29. Brian & Cynthia McGurl. Expansion of back yard, 10 x 10 shed, fire pit, walkout basement and deck expansion within the 100-foot buffer. Three-year extension requested.

G. Williamson said the applicant has asked for an extension because they have not started any of the work.

Motion by K. Strom, seconded by L Boucher, TO GRANT A 3-YEAR EXTENSION FOR ORDER OF CONDITIONS, DEP FILE #183-0657 37 PRESERVATION LANE. APPROVED BY VOTE 6-0-1.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION – 183-0648

Jefferson Lofts. 1665 Main Street. Assessing Map 100 Parcel 94. Rehabilitation of existing mill buildings to serve as- residential units, infrastructure and landscape improvements. Paul Roiff, Mill Pond Realty Trust. Three-year extension requested.

G. Williamson said they are due to expire in January and they have not started any work. She suggested a 3-year extension.

The Commission did not have any concerns in giving an extension.

Matt Peloquin, Attorney for the applicant, commented that they are still working on revisions to the plans. They are not planning to remove the slab any longer, just having some repairs done to it.

Motion by K. Strom, seconded by L. Boucher, TO GRANT A 3-YEAR EXTENSION FOR ORDER OF CONDITIONS, DEP FILE #183-0648 JEFFERSON LOFTS. APPROVED BY VOTE 6-0-1.

DISCUSSIONAL

HERITAGE PUMP STATION RESTORATION

HERITAGE LANE DRAINAGE PIPE

G. Williamson said that she believes all the trees are now in. She shared photos of the plantings. No additional seeding or mulching has been done.

M. Scott asked the total trees that were planted? G. Williamson said there were 27 total planted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 5, 2020

M. Scott, L. Boucher, D. Nyman and K. Strom were present at the meeting.

Motion by D. Nyman, seconded by L. Boucher TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 5th, 2020 MINUTES AS AMENDED. APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 4-0-3.

March 4, 2020

M. Scott, L. Boucher, K. Strom, D. Nyman and C. Doherty were present at the meeting.

Motion by D. Nyman, Seconded by L. Boucher TO APPROVE THE MARCH 4, 2020 MINUTES AS AMENDED. APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 4-0-3.

May 6, 2020

June 3, 2020

The Commission continued these minutes to the January 6th meeting to allow more time to review.

Motion by L. BOUCHER, seconded by K. STROM, TO ADJOURN THE NOVEMBER 4, 2020 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AT 8:17 PM. APPROVED BY VOTE 6-0-1.