

**HOLDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REMOTE MEETING
February 3, 2021**

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

Others Present: Glenda Williamson, Conservation Agent; Sara Flagg, Recording Secretary; Isabel McCauley, Holden DPW, Bond St. Culvert; Julian Votruba, NEED, Sunshine Ridge Subdivision; Michael Elmes, 138 Bailey Rd.

M. Scott opened the meeting at 7:02 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*

NOTICE OF INTENT - Bond Road Culvert Replacement. DEP File #: 183-0676. Assessing Map 94, Parcels 1 & 14. The in-kind replacement of an existing 18-inch corrugated metal culvert with a new 18-inch HDPE culvert. The replacement will occur within the Bond Road ROW over an un-named intermittent stream with associated bordering vegetated wetlands. Holden DPW, Isabel McCauley. *Con't. from 1-6-21.*

Isabel McCauley, Holden DPW, spoke about the project. She addressed the DEP comments in regard to the Notice of Intent. The DEP requested that the DPW provide a dewatering detail and that the project meets the MA Stream Crossing Standards to the maximum extent practicable. I. McCauley stated that a larger pipe is not needed because this culvert does not service a stream so there are no requirements to stream crossing standards. G. Williamson stated that the resource area at this location is an un-named intermittent stream. I. McCauley had stated that in order to install a larger pipe, the road would need to be raised to accommodate the pipe and that this is not feasible. B. Parent stated that the DEP asked for an alternative design that would be an improvement (i.e. larger pipe) over the proposed 18-inch replacement pipe.

Motion by K. Strom, seconded by L. Boucher, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED 7-0-0 TO CLOSE THE HEARING FOR NOI BOND ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT.

Motion by L. Boucher, seconded by D. Nyman, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED 7-0-0 TO ISSUE A STANDARD ORDER OF CONDITIONS FOR BOND ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT WITH THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS THAT WORK BE

CONDUCTED DURING LOW FLOW AND RIP-RAP BE PLACED AT THE OUTLET.

NOTICE OF INTENT - Sunshine Ridge Subdivision. DEP File #: 183-0677. Assessing Maps 173 & 172, Parcels 44 & 17 respectively. The construction of stormwater detention basins in association with a residential subdivision. The basins are located partially within the 100-foot buffer of a resource area. James Soucy, Julian Votruba, NEED, LLC. *Con't. from 1-6-21.*

Julian Votruba, NEED, submitted revised plans after the walkthrough with Commission members. He confirmed that he relocated what needed to be done in regard to the comments at the site walk. M. Scott said that there is stormwater review that still needs to be done by DPW and based on some comments from the Commission.

The Commission reviewed their comments. D. Nyman, L. Boucher and M. Scott confirmed that they submitted comments to the DPW. J. Votruba asked to have the comments so that he can avoid going back and forth with Conservation Commission and DPW.

M. Scott and I. McCauley discussed whether the comments would be submitted together as discussed and replied that the thought was to combine the comments from Conservation Commission and DPW comments however that did not happen.

M. Scott asked G. Williamson to send the Commission's comments to J. Votruba so he can respond appropriately. G. Williamson said the comments were already sent to him.

D. Nyman wanted to make it clear that erosion control sequencing and timing has been lacking on past projects and will be something that is looked at closely going forward. He provided an example: a 14-day limit for soils to be disturbed and worked on, include specific instructions for stabilization within 14 days. In addition, seed mixes and stabilization plans must be proposed.

Michael Elmes 138 Bailey Rd, commented that this development is a permanent change to the community and for those who live in the neighborhood. He expressed appreciation for the thorough job the Commission is doing.

Motion by L. Boucher, seconded by K. Strom, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED 7-0-0 TO CONTINUE THE HEARING FOR SUNSHINE RIDGE SUBDIVISION TO THE COMMISSION'S MARCH 3, 2021 MEETING.

GREENWOOD ESTATES UPDATE

Site Stabilization/Stormwater/Construction/Cutting Plan

G Williamson shared that she received an e-mail project update from Tom Larson. The forestry company will be removing the fallen trees along upper Deanna Drive at the end

of this week. Other than that, not much work is being done out there given the weather and snow cover.

REQUEST FOR FINAL CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE – 2226 Main Street DEP File # 186-0661. Construction of a single-family home and associated grading within the 100-foot buffer. Mark Sadowski, owner. Quinn Engineering/Eco-Tec.

G. Williamson received the request the day before the meeting, the applicant provided a foundation as-built, the final COC from the Board of Health and a letter from Quinn Engineering stating compliance with the approved plan. The request was last minute and she didn't make any promises that the Commission would issue today.

G. Williamson stated that a final site inspection is not possible at this time and that the water service line to the home does not come in from Main Street as proposed on the submitted plan. The existing water line connection is at Millbrook Street and this existing main was replaced so service the new home. She stated that the disturbance to replace the water line was minimal and stabilized after installation. The applicant should submit a final as-built showing the correct location of the water service line. M. Scott recommended that a final site inspection be done in the Spring and that the final COC could be issued after stabilization is complete and a final as-built received.

REQUEST FOR FINAL CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

DEP File # 183-0455. 69 Willow Brook Road. Assessing Map 185, Parcel 56. The construction of a 9' x 24' mudroom and storage area to the rear western side of the home. The work is located in the Riverfront Area. Stephen Spodick, owner.

G. Williamson explained that the owner moved to New Hampshire and they now realized that a final COC for the addition was never issued back in 2005. The work associated with the addition is located within the Riverfront area.

Motion by K. Strom, seconded by L. Boucher, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED 7-0-0 TO ISSUE THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR 69 WILLOW BROOK ROAD, DEP FILE # 183-0455.

DISCUSSIONAL

Bullard St Culvert – G. Williamson said 401 Water Quality Certification was sent. Isabel McCauley gave a summary of the main points. Soil samples were collected and high arsenic levels were detected. This was reported and later a background evaluation was performed and it was determined that it was natural in that area and it was retracted. Application needs to be submitted if and when fill is removed in that area and will need to be sent to a DEP approved location. A plan must be submitted within 30 days of the work being done to show how they will monitor for special species.

Oak Hill Subdivision – K. Strom updated that White Oak (WOLCS) owns the conservation space surrounding the subdivision. The Planning Board had put a 10-foot no-disturb zone around the White Oak property but some abutters are encroaching on

this. There is a survey going on currently and the Town will be sending a notice to all the abutters to inform them about the encroachments.

Open Space and Rec. Plan – G. Williamson said that there have been two hearings and reviewed the questionnaire. It will be discussed how to distribute it once finalized. K. Strom stated that he provided the WOLCS trails data for use with the town-wide trail map that will be developed by CMRCP.

Holden Town Forest - Stewardship Plan – G. Williamson explained that this is something that will be pursued because the last one was in 2008. The Town will be applying for a Stewardship Grant and the plan will be revised and updated based on the forester's recommendations. G. Williamson explained the process and plan to get the Stewardship Plan underway.

MINUTES

July 22, 2020 – The Commission needs some additional time to review. Continued to March 3, 2021 meeting.

Motion by C. Doherty, seconded by K. Strom IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED 7-0-0 TO ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 3, 2021 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AT 8:24 PM.