

**HOLDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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

**Others Present:** Glenda Williamson, Conservation Agent; Sara Flagg, Recording Secretary; Tom Larson, Martelli Construction, Greenwood Estates; David Brooks, 131 Autumn Circle.

M Scott opened the meeting at 7:01 pm

**GREENWOOD ESTATES UPDATE – DEANNA DRIVE**

Jackson Woods Investments LLC; Tom Larson, Martelli Construction

T Larson shared updates from the site walk with Graves Engineering. G Williamson shared photos. T Larson said that the silt fence was re-stapled as needed.

G Williamson showed photos of sediment and small rocks at the flared end within the small basin at the corner of Deanna Dr and Stephanie Dr. T Larson said that he will check into this but there is not as much accumulation as there was in the past. M Scott asked where the sediment is coming from. T Larson said that there is a low spot in between some rip-rap further up the slope. L Boucher also asked about the source of the material. T Larson said they did not go up to the property line but will explore this further. The Conservation Commission expressed that this type and/quantity of sediment would not be expected within the pipe. H Parry asked if this is a permanent structure. T Larson said it is however it will be tied in with other structures as the project progresses and that should help address the sediment accumulation. He said that a portion of the water travels thru an open channel before entering the pipe. T Larson also shared that a company is coming twice a week to sweep the road.

**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 Jan. 11th*)

The applicant asked for a continuance to the Commission's March meeting. G Williamson said she received an updated NOI. M Scott and K Strom updated that they did a site visit and would possibly require the applicant to do an additional stormwater analysis.

Motion by K Strom, seconded by D Nyman to continue 1665 Main Street to the Commission's Wednesday March 1, 2023 meeting. Approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

### **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.

David Brooks, homeowner, explained that they are looking to demolish the existing attached garage and to build a slightly larger garage in the same location. D Brooks further explained that the intended area of work where the expanded garage would be is currently maintained lawn. G Williamson shared photos of the site. D Brooks said they will not be excavating, just removing the existing garage and building a new 2-story addition.

D Nyman suggested that the homeowner addresses stormwater for the project; measures should be added to the design to address roof-top runoff and how the water will be captured and discharged. Potential conditions discussed were no cutting of trees, demarcation at the edge of the lawn and that excavated material is to be removed from the site.

Motion by K Strom, seconded by D Nyman to continue 131 Autumn Circle garage addition to the Commission's March 1, 2023 meeting. Approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

### **OAK HILL SUBDIVISION – JORDAN ROAD**

Stormwater Management System Inspection #2 - WDA Design Group

The Commission said they reviewed the information provided. G Williamson said that WDA Design Group inspected each basin. L Boucher asked if there have been any concerns with downstream flooding. G Williamson said not to her knowledge.

### **PROJECT UPDATES/OTHER**

#### **51 Greystone Drive**

G Williamson updated that the site conditions are unacceptable and shared photos from the last inspection. The Commission recommended that G Williamson send a

list of items to the owners that need to be addressed immediately.

### **560 River Street**

G Williamson updated that she did a site visit and reported that the channels have been cleaned out and rip rap has been added to the swales. She said that she did not observe any erosion issues and that the work is on-going.

### **Elmwood Avenue – 8 Lots**

G Williamson shared photos from her last site inspection and reported that tree clearing had started.

### **Sunshine Ridge - Bailey Road**

G Williamson said that not much more work has been completed since the Commission's last meeting. She shared photos from her inspection on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Chaffin's Substation - HMLD**

G Williamson did a site inspection and said that the HMLD requested the Commission's input in regard to the status of the project. She said that the HMLD would be requesting a final COC in the Spring after everything has been seeded and stabilized.

### **MassTrails Grant**

G Williamson updated that the CMRPC submitted the grant to the State last week.

### **FOREST CUTTING PLAN – DCR CH. 132**

54.7 Acres off Reservoir Street. City of Worcester DPW&P.

G Williamson shared the Forest Cutting Plan and said that she requested to attend the site visit with the DCR. She has concerns about cutting in very close proximity to a potential vernal pool.

### **350 SOUTH RD**

G Williamson shared photos of the property and asked for the Commission's input on the violation. The Commission recommended sending a Cease and Desist letter to the home owner along with a list of conditions including hiring a qualified wetland scientist to develop a plan acceptable to the Commission to restore the drainage pipe and stream channel. The Commission requested that the homeowner attends the Commission's March meeting to discuss the work that had been done.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Voting on the December 7th, 2022 minutes was continued to the Commission's March meeting date.

Motion by L Boucher, seconded by H Lipper to ADJOURN THE FEB 8, 2023 CONSERVATION MEETING AT 9:14 PM. Approved by a vote of 7-0-0.