

**HOLLISTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
APPROVED Meeting Minutes**

Date: February 13, 2024
Time: 7:30 PM
Location: Conducted by Remote Participation (Zoom)

Present: Ann Marie Pilch, Chair; Eilish Corey, Vice Chair; Matthew Clark, Eilish Corey, Sneha Narayanan, Utah Nickel, Nicole Smith, Allen Rutberg, Commissioners
Ryan Clapp, Conservation Agent

Absent:

Ann Marie Pilch, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM.
A. Pilch read the following into the record:

Pursuant to the Governor's July 16, 2022 Act relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c 30A paragraph 20, the Holliston Conservation Commission will be using remote participation for this meeting. The audio of this meeting is being recorded and will be posted to the Town's webpage as soon as possible in accordance with keeping the public informed of actions during this meeting. I would ask that all participants remotely attending this meeting please state your name for identification purposes each time you speak throughout the meeting.

At this time, a roll call attendance vote will be taken.

M. Clark:	Present
E. Corey:	Present
U. Nickel:	Present
N. Smith:	Present
S. Narayanan:	Present
A. Rutberg:	Present
A. Pilch:	Present

1. General Business.

- a. Review of meeting minutes.
 - **S. Narayanan made a motion to approve the minutes of 9/5/2023 as edited. A. Rutberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.**

M. Clark:	Aye
E. Corey:	Aye
S. Narayanan:	Aye
U. Nickel:	Aye
A. Rutberg:	Aye
N. Smith:	Aye
A. Pilch:	Abstain

- b. Discussion: DPW drain pipe installation at Pinecrest Road.
- No one was present for this discussion. Tabled until the next meeting on 3/7/2024.
- c. Request for Certificate of Compliance: DEP #185-941: Near #526 Winter Street.
- R. Clapp reported that the work associated with this culvert repair has been completed. However, upon inspection, he observed that there was erosion downstream and that the area has not yet been stabilized with vegetation. He will contact the DPW to fix the erosion controls, and the Commission will revisit this item once the area is stabilized.
- d. Request for Certificate of Compliance: DEP #185-943: Near #78 & #95 Turner Road.
- R. Clapp reported that the work associated with this culvert repair has been completed. However, upon inspection, he observed that there was erosion downstream and that the area has not yet been stabilized with vegetation. He will contact the DPW to fix the erosion controls, and the Commission will revisit this item once the area is stabilized.
- e. Request for Certificate of Compliance: DEP #185-945: Winter Street at Bald Hill Road.
- R. Clapp reported that the work associated with this culvert repair has been completed. However, upon inspection, he observed that there was erosion downstream and that the area has not yet been stabilized with vegetation. He will contact the DPW to fix the erosion controls, and the Commission will revisit this item once the area is stabilized.
- f. Request for administrative update to plan of record: DEP #185-953: #377 Highland Street.
- J. Ha, project architect, presented the project changes to the Commission. In order to comply with Zoning setbacks, the newly proposed addition to the house has shrunk and is further from the wetlands, reducing encroachment within the 70' No Structure Zone.
 - N. Smith expressed concerns about treating this as an administrative change. M. Clark noted that the interest of the Act would be best served by this plan change, and that there would be no benefit to additional conditions being imposed on the project.
 - **S. Narayanan made a motion to issue an administrative change to the plan of record for DEP #185-953: #377 Highland Street. U. Nickel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.**

M. Clark:	Aye
E. Corey:	Aye
S. Narayanan:	Aye
U. Nickel:	Aye
A. Rutberg:	Aye
N. Smith:	Aye
A. Pilch:	Aye
- g. Disposition of Jennings Road subdivision Open Space.
- R. Clapp reported that the Planning Board had approved a subdivision off of Jennings Road, which includes approximately 5 acres of Open Space. The applicant has asked the Commission how they should administer the protection of the Open Space. R. Clapp noted that the Open Space does not appear to provide significant value, but S. Naryanan noted it abuts a portion of Open Space associated with the Highlands at Holliston subdivision.
 - R. Clapp noted that the adjacent Open Space had significant issues with invasive vegetation, namely Russian Olive. The Commission would like to schedule a site walk before making a final recommendation as to the disposition of the Open Space
- h. Correspondence received.

- R. Clapp noted that registration for the MACC Conference is open, and any Commissioner interested in attending should contact him for registration.
- R. Clapp reported that he has been working on the Community Farm Conservation Restriction, which is in front of Town Counsel at this time.

2. Public Hearings/Public Meetings (beginning at 8:00 PM)

D-745: Request for Determination of Applicability: #157-165 Lowland Street (Assessors Map 9-3-16.1).

Continued from 11/14/2023.

- During the meeting on 1/16/2024, the Conservation Commission voted to continue this Public Meeting until 2/27/2024. No vote is needed at this time.

DEP #185-957: Notice of Intent #157-165 Lowland Street (Assessors Map 9-3-16.1).

Continued from 11/14/2023.

- During the meeting on 1/16/2024, the Conservation Commission voted to continue this Public Meeting until 2/27/2024. No vote is needed at this time.

DEP #185-XXX: Public Hearing – Lot 1 Bonney Drive (Assessors Map 7-4-55.D).

Continued from 1/30/2024.

- During the meeting on 1/30/2024, the Conservation Commission voted to continue this Public Meeting until 2/27/2024. No vote is needed at this time.

DEP #185-XXX: Public Hearing – Lot 2 Bonney Drive (Assessors Map 7-4-55.D).

Continued from 1/30/2024.

- During the meeting on 1/30/2024, the Conservation Commission voted to continue this Public Meeting until 2/27/2024. No vote is needed at this time.

DEP #185-XXX: Public Hearing – Lot 3 Bonney Drive (Assessors Map 7-4-55.D).

Continued from 1/30/2024.

- During the meeting on 1/30/2024, the Conservation Commission voted to continue this Public Meeting until 2/27/2024. No vote is needed at this time.

DEP #185-955: Public Hearing – Notice of Intent: off Bonney Drive (Assessors Map 7-4-55.D).

Continued from 1/30/2024.

- During the meeting on 1/30/2024, the Conservation Commission voted to continue this Public Meeting until 2/27/2024. No vote is needed at this time.

E. Corey made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM. A. Rutberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

M. Clark: Aye

E. Corey: Aye

S. Narayanan: Aye

U. Nickel: Aye

A. Rutberg: Aye

N. Smith: Aye

A. Pilch: Aye

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