

**Bolton Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**May 19, 2015**  
**7:00 P.M. Houghton Building**

**PRESENT:** Brian Berube, Lori Stephenson, Jim Stone, Maria Bermann Karen Overfield and Administrator Carol Gumbart.

**ABSENT:** Liz Luc Clowes

**This Meeting was Recorded**

**1. Commission Business** Brian Berube and the Commission thanked Carol Gumbart for her almost 16 years of service to the Town as the Conservation Administrator. Mr. Berube said he spoke with the Town Administrator and when the Human Resource Director returns from vacation next week they will put out an announcement for the position. Mr. Berube said he would like to be involved in the interview process and if anyone else wants to participate they should let him know. The Commission talked about how to handle the office administration while the position is vacant. Maria Bermann reminded the Commission that she will not be accepting another term. The Commission decided they will only meet once a month during July and August. Ms. Gumbart will send out a doodle poll to see what dates work for meetings.

The Commission reviewed the upcoming wetland filings and agreed to hold site walks in advance of the June 2 meeting. Carol Gumbart will send out a doodle poll to find a convenient time/day.

The Commission asked Carol Gumbart for an update on the Century Mill Estates project. Ms. Gumbart provided the update noting that she has submitted the draft trail easements, draft deed of the open space to Bolton Conservation Trust to Attorney Alan Shocket.

**1. Open Space and Recreation Plan** Al Ferry came to the meeting to discuss the need to move ahead with a meeting to prepare to update the Open Space and Recreation Plan. Carol Gumbart will share his contact information with Liz Luc Clowes.

**2. Bills** Bills were approved.

**3. Minutes** A motion was made by Brian Berube, seconded by Maria to approve the minutes of April 21 and May 4 2015. VOTE: Aye, unanimous.

**4. Town Meeting** Carol Gumbart said the Special Town Meeting is June 8<sup>th</sup>. Brian Berube said the Selectmen are keeping the budget the same

**5. Broomfield, 164 Still River Road (112-613)** Brian Berube opened the continued hearing. At the request of the applicant's consultant the hearing was continued to June 16, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. The Commission said they might want Janet Bernardo from Horsley and Witten to attend the meeting.

**6. Applewood Construction, 147 Long Hill Road (112-620)** Brian Berube opened the continued hearing. Present were Brandon Ducharme of Ducharme and Dillis Civil Design

Group, applicant Walter Eriksen and land owner Duane Henry. Mr. Eriksen and Mr. Ducharme submitted quotes for the roadway construction within the wetland resource areas and the cost for plants and labor for replication and restoration. Carol Gumbart reviewed the draft Order of Conditions. After review a motion was made by Brian Berube, seconded by Jim Stone to issue OOC under the Bylaw and WPA minus the surety requirement, for Applewood Construction, 147 Long Hill Road as drafted contingent upon planting and roadway construction costs being found accurate. VOTE: Aye.

**7. DPW, Roadside Vegetative Management Plan** Brian Berube opened the public meeting on a Request for a Determination of Applicability. Present was Shelly O'Toole the Department of Public Works Administrative Assistant and Recycling Coordinator. Ms. O'Toole explained that they are seeking a negative determination for their roadside vegetation management plan. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Brian Berube, seconded by Jim Stone to issue a Negative 3 Determination of Applicability. VOTE: Aye, unanimous.

**6. Wildman, Lot 2 and 3 Hubbard (112-621)** Brian Berube opened the continued the public hearing. Present was Tom Wildman. The Commission and Mr. Wildman reviewed the draft Order of Conditions. After discussion a motion was made by Brain Berube, seconded Jim Stone to close the hearing and issue the Order of Conditions for Wildman under Bylaw and WPA as drafted with the revisions we agreed upon this evening. VOTE: Aye, unanimous.

**6. Vickery, 539 Wattaquodock Hill Road** Carol Gumbart said she is still waiting for response from Jen Vickery's consultant. The Commission discussed the follow up and asked Ms. Gumbart to email to Mickey Marcus with a copy to Brian Berube requesting that he responds to all. An interested party was present for the discussion but had no comments.

**7. DiPietro, Teele Road** Carol Gumbart will provide the Commission with the DiPietro file.

**9. Land Management** The Commission agreed to purchase about 25 signs to warn and educate the public about ticks on conservation land.

### **Beaver Management:**

**Welch Pond/Sawyer Road Culvert** - Carol Gumbart updated the Commission on the beaver blockage of the culvert on Sawyer Road adjacent to the Nicewicz Farm. Ms. Gumbart said that Beaver Solutions did not think there was enough depth to use a low flow pipe. The Commission discussed their interest in beaver blocking the culvert and the importance of monitoring the bog resource around Welch Pond. The Commission agreed that they are prepared to remove the beaver at this time.

**Fyfeshire** – Carol Gumbart showed the Commission photos of the spillway becoming covered with beaver debris. If Beaver Solution puts in the beaver deceiver pipe the question is what height do we want to keep the water level. Ms. Gumbart said she made an inquiry to Lenard Engineering but hasn't heard back from them.

**Fyfeshire Dam Lowering Project** – Carol Gumbart said the contractor has not completed the paving. Ms. Gumbart said she has asked the engineers to follow this up and still hopes the contractor will get the work done.

**10. Land Protection** Houghton Farm, present is Peter Bradley, Bob Kiley and Brandon Ducharme, lot 3 is being rented and lot 3 is for sale. FOSPRD subdivision, CR on the front part – declaration of restriction first gets recorded and is good for 30 years, until CR can be approved, Bob Collins has prepared and drafted CR. Submit CR for Commission review and Selectmen but also allow them to close on lot 3 prior to the CR being recorded. Could have been expedited. Homeowner association will own the land. Lot 2 might be under agreement and so would like to have a building permit signed off. Lori on Bob’s behalf very accommodating, except for this. Maria has sympathy and this should have been done. Jim clear statement before next one take a stronger stand. Town Counsel input – Jim motion to allow the sale of Lot 3, to go ahead under the provision that Town Counsel finds the recorded Declaration of Restriction acceptable or with revisions it be rerecorded, and want monthly report on the progress of the CR being processed with the state and it is our understanding that we will not approve any other sales until the CR is recorded and this decision does not supercede our OOC, and that future building permit sign off will be based progress towards the resolution of the CR, second, VOTE: Aye, unanimous.

**11. Tennessee Gas Pipeline** BCT filed as interveners that the AG’s office has filed an intervention on DPU re rate tax claiming to stay the hearing for a number of reasons because the DPU hearings are out of order, the last one should be heard first, internal directive to use renewable energies. Scoping sessions in June.

Meeting adjourned 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Carol A. Gumbart  
Conservation Administrator