

**Bolton Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**June 14, 2016**  
**7:00 P.M. Town Hall**

**PRESENT:** Jeff Larence, Liz Luc Clowes, Lori Stephenson, Karen Overfield; Interim Conservation Administrator Kathy Sferra

**ABSENT:** Brian Berube

**This Meeting began at 7:00 PM**

**7:15 David Russell - NOI - 115 Wilder Road - Continued Public Hearing**

Mr. Russell was present with a revised plan from Ducharme and Dillis and a trail easement plan. He indicated that he had modified the plan in a manner that addressed the Commission's concerns and still met his goals. The revised plan removes half of the railroad bed and saves many of the pine trees. The stone wall would remain as is. He consulted with a nursery and proposes to plant 7-9' serviceberry and 4-5' highbush blueberry. These are shown on the plan. He is also thinking about adding 3 gallon clethras interspersed. The Commission asked questions and clarified the plantings, the direction of flow and the proposed grading. Loam will be graded into low areas. Jeff noted that the proposed work will restore a more natural condition to the area. The Commission discussed special conditions and would like to see excess material redistributed on the site with any excess removed. It was noted that 17 trees are being removed. The plantings should be monitored for two years to make sure they take, though the Commission could sign off sooner if needed. Liz moved to close the public hearing, Lori seconded and the vote was unanimous. The Order will be issued at the next meeting.

**Scott Goddard - NOI - Century Mill, Lot 1 - Continued Public Hearing**

Liz opened the Public Hearing. A letter was received from the applicant requesting a continuation to 6/28/16. Liz moved to continue the hearing as requested, Lori seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**37 Powder Hill Road - Escrow Release**

Staff noted that they are still researching this and have contacted Greg Roy. It appears that no COC was ever issued so escrow release would be premature. Additional research is needed.

**252 West Berlin Road Conservation Restriction**

This is a restriction that was required by a previous Notice of Intent. Lori moved to execute the conservation restriction, Jeff seconded and the vote was unanimous. The next step will be to bring to the Selectmen. Jeff noted that the Town has boundary signs that we can give the owners to post.

**Appointment - Taylor Enforcement Order - West Berlin Road**

Leo Garneaux was present on behalf of the owner to give the Commission an update. He indicated that he had visited the site last week and today. He described some of the resources on the site and said that he had flagged the approximate wetland line with orange flags. He would like confirmation of this line and then to install the erosion controls. The Commission discussed the need to install these as soon as possible and asked the he do that. Erosion controls will be straw bales and placed approximately 10-15 from the stream so as to prevent erosion and sedimentation. Leo said that the site is beginning to revegetate. Leo said that he felt that he could file a Notice of Intent in one month, and that erosion controls would be installed either this week or next week. He will let the Commission know when this is done.

**Appointment - Century Mill Estates - Fred Coon and Brandon Ducharme**

Fred and Brandon were present to discuss the possibility of crossing and restoring the wetland for the next phase of the project. This was something that they had done before and allows them to cross into the next

work areas without moving equipment around the site and arranging for police details. Brandon described the stream and notes that it dries up for many months each year. The Commission expressed a desire to see the site and scheduled a visit for Thursday June 16. Fred will be at the site. It was agreed to conduct the Old Stone Circle site visit for an RDA to be heard on June 28th at the same time.

#### **401 West Berlin Road - Certificates of Compliance**

This is a form that was approved to be signed in December 2015, but not completed. The Commission executed the Certificates of Compliance.

#### **470 Main Street - Order of Conditions**

Kathy noted that the Order of Conditions was never completed for this project and presented a draft of special conditions. The Commission discussed the draft. It was noted that if there is a significant change to the project with regard to work in the buffer, the applicants will need to return with a request for a modification. After discussion, Karen moved to issue, Liz seconded and the vote was unanimous.

#### **Sugar Road 40B**

The Commission felt that a site visit was needed. It was scheduled for next Monday at 11. Staff will send out the Order of Conditions in advance.

#### **DiPietro - Teele Road**

Staff noted the ZBA decision and that it did not reference the Conservation Commission's jurisdiction. Stow's history with this project was explained. Jeff indicated that he had boundary posting work to do at Annie Moore Conservation Area and would see if there was any work visible from the property boundary. The Commission agreed to discuss further at an upcoming meeting.

#### **Minutes**

Staff presented a spreadsheet showing the current status of minutes approval. They will continue to work on this as time is available.

#### **Staff and Commission Reports**

*Camp Virginia/Open Space Plan* - Liz noted the current status of this project as reported by the Town Administrator and the continuing need for an Open Space and Recreation Plan. The next step will be to develop a survey.

*Field Mowing - Bower Springs/Butternut* - Jeff noted that the meadow is badly in need of mowing. Staff will follow up with Carol, review the budget and bring this to the next meeting for further discussion.

*Dogs on Conservation Land* - It was noted by staff that there have been complaints regarding walkers with multiple dogs. Various approaches for addressing this were discussed. This should come back as a future agenda item.

*Vaughn Hills Eagle Scout Project* - Jeff reported on a project currently being planned by a Scout. He would like the Highway Dept to install a berm in the parking lot as part of this project. Jeff will follow up with an email to the Highway Supt and Town Administrator.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 on a motion by Liz, with a second by Karen. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted

Kathy Sferra  
Conservation Administrator