Holyoke Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes 10/06/2022 (Remote via Zoom)

Conservation Commission Members Present: Bernice Bowler (Chairperson), Jeffrey Horan, John Perdrizet, Mary Moriarty, Rosemary Arnold, Chelsea Gazillo.

Conservation Commission Members Absent: Michael Dodge.

Staff Present: Yoni Glogower.

Members of the public present: Jared Fells (UMass)

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Bowler called the public meeting to order and asked all present members of the public to check in via the chat with name and address as a sign-in sheet.

2. Public Hearing – Notice of Intent (DEP 186-0299)

Applicant: JSH Nominee Trust

Representative: R. Levesque Associates

Location: Northampton Street, Parcel number 223-00-1, 5, and 8

Description: Construction of a residential development within the buffer zone of the bordered vegetated

wetland.

The applicant requested a continuance via email today to the next meeting. They had some revisions to do in stormwater and some changes based on Planning Board comments received. This meeting will be continued to October 27 at 6:15 p.m. A motion was made to continue and it was voted unanimously to approve the continuance.

3. Formal Vote – Minutes from 8/25 and 9/22 Meetings

Chairperson Bowler is satisfied with meeting minutes from two previous meetings. She made some corrections. Commissioner Horan commented that the process is working well and the minutes were concise and clear. A motion was made to approve the 8/25 and 9/22 minutes as amended. It was unanimously agreed and the minutes were passed.

Discussion of 10/27 Meeting: Chairperson Bowler asked Director Glogower if any new projects had come in, to which he responded that there had been none yet but may still come in before the meeting is held on 10/27. Commissioner Horan remarked on the continuance of the Delorean project, which will also be a topic at that upcoming meeting.

4. Mail/other items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

Chairperson Bowler asked if there was any mail or other updated items from Director Glogower. He responded that he had received an email from a UMass student who is writing a paper on community

meetings and asked if any members would volunteer to follow up with him to answer questions. The student was present at the meeting and introduced himself as Jared and explained the nature of his email and his research. He requested information about day-to-day operations and/or any current projects that could be of help in writing his paper about the Commission. Commissioner Arnold agreed to connect with Jared.

Chairperson Bowler asked if any other items were on the agenda and again reminded the public that the Northampton Street project discussion would be continued to the next meeting on the 27th at 6:15.

5. Adjourn

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.