Holland Conservation Commission

Minutes of Commission meeting held on September 23, 2008.

Present: Mary vandenBerg, Chairperson, Patricia Caron, Howard Fife and Rolf Hilbig. Absent: James Wettlaufer.

7:00 p.m. Chairperson called the meeting to order.

7:05 p.m. The minutes of September 9, 2008 were read and accepted and will be distributed.

No meeting on September 16, 2008 due to the State Primary.

Mail:

We received from the DEP a copy of a "Request for Departmental Action Appeal of Determination of Applicability" sent to Michael LaMountain of 41 Lakeridge Dr.

Members signed Vendor Voucher paying The Republican for Steve Fontaine's Legal Ad.

We discussed the Annual drawdown of Hamilton Reservoir. October 14, 2008 is the date that will be recommended to the Selectmen.

7:25 p.m. Andrew Cormier, Jr. and David Smith of Escape Estates presented their narrative of work to be performed on Mashapaug Rd. per plans drawn by Green Hill Engineering dated September 2, 2008 and revised on September 23, 2008 showing the Conceptual Drainage Plan and Sedimentation Basin details. With the above information the Order of Conditions for Alexander and Janis Puziak can now be completed.

7:35 p.m. The Scheduled Public Hearing for a Notice of Intent for Ed Paquette's (builder) project for Ray and Cathy Morawski of 33 Sandy Beach Rd. to install a septic tight tank and to build an addition to the single family house was held. Only Ed Paquette was present – no abutters came. Following discussion, motion was made by Howard Fife to approve the project. Seconded by Rolf Hilbig and approved by all. All were in favor of closing the Hearing at 7:45 p.m. The Order of Conditions to include "No on-site storage of excavated material" – due to steepness of the area.

7:50 p.m. Joanne and Michael Marian who recently purchased a home at 40 Over The Top Rd. wanted to remove 2 trees on their property. Mary vandenBerg signed Procedure Sheet #2008-L.

8:05 p.m. Dennis Brote having been denied a Request for a Certificate of Compliance for the project at 88 Sturbridge Rd., DEP File #184-182 because the grass is not sufficiently grown to provide erosion control to the wetlands, spoke to the Board saying that he had replaced the silt fence and re-seeded. Another site visit will be done around October 13, 2008.

8:15 p.m. Rocco Carabetta who purchased the property at 19 Craig Rd. spoke to us regarding concrete barriers that have toppled into the lake, and would like to remove and replace those with rip-rap, which we approved. A new septic system and leach field is in his plans and that will necessitate the removal of some large trees. It was suggested that he return with his plans.

8:20 p.m. Steve Bressette of Jalbert Engineering and Carol and Carl Osberg presented a Soil Absorption System - "Repair" plot plan to be done at 25 Shore Dr. Following discussion, Mary vandenBerg signed Procedure Sheet #2008-1300.

8:30 p.m. Peter Frei and James LaMountain spoke of their concerns regarding the property in and around 7 Chaffee Rd. James LaMountain requested and received a copy of the September 2, 2008 Conservation Commission Minutes. They also discussed their interpretation of the DEP's reply to their "Appeal of Determination of Applicability on Mashapaug Rd.". They did not appear happy with our views of their complaints. We suggested to Mr. LaMountain and Mr. Frei that they take their concerns to the DEP.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Patricia J. Caron, Secretary

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