Holland Conservation Commission

Minutes of Commission meeting held on March 6, 2007.

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

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

7:05 p.m. Minutes of Commission Meeting held on February 27, 2007 were read, accepted and will be distributed.

7:10 p.m. We received a letter from the DEP notifying us of a Transfer of Appeal In the Matter of: James LaMountain and Northeast Concept. This case has been pre-screened and is now being transferred to the Division of Administrative Law Appeals (DALA) for further proceedings.

We received a letter from the Division of Administrative Law Appeals (DALA) acknowledging the filing of the above appeal on 3-1-2007. The action will proceed under the Adjudicatory Rules, 310 CMR 1.01.

Members signed the Vendor Voucher paying:

1. The Republican \$112.50 for Legal Ads for H. Hewinson, G. Violette and W. Cromack;

2. Rolf Hilbig, reimbursement of \$6.48 for Certificate of Mailing.

Mary vandenBerg reported that on Thursday, March 1st, she, along with Howard Fife, Agent and Brian Johnson, Highway Supervisor met with Ann Capra, Senior Planner/Manager of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) and 2 engineers. They did a site visit of Stevens Brook, Amber Brook, May Brook, Brandon St. and Kimball Hill/Island Rd. The Lake Oversight Committee is to discuss their findings at the March 8, 2007 meeting.

7:30 p.m. Andrew Harhay, David Smith of Escape Estates and his wife, Nancy Smith requested a site visit of his property on Lot 5, Mashapaug Rd. to determine whether any more trees can be cut down by the water's edge while it is still frozen. Site visit is scheduled for March 10, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

7:45 p.m. The Public Hearing of Richard Chapin of 28 Hamilton Dr. R-41-B-71.01 to construct a 10' x 20' dining room on the existing deck was presented by Joel Jette, Builder. Mary vandenBerg was the only abutter present and recused herself. Steven Anderstrom became acting Chairperson. To date the HCC has not received a DEP file number for this project. The Public Hearing has been continued to March 27, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

8:05 p.m. James and Michael LaMountain gave us a copy of their Enforcement Order which states: This Order does not prohibit the use of the woods road to access the upland portions of the site.

James LaMountain also requested that the HCC sign a form regarding a Municipality giving serious consideration to contribute toward an APR (Agricultural Preservation Program) acquisition. He specifically asked that the HCC endorse No 6. c. "No. The municipality is not willing to share in the acquisition cost. We understand this choice prevents the Town from becoming co-holders in the restriction". The Board refused to sign feeling we lacked sufficient information due to an incomplete application and the Town does not meet the APR Municipal qualifications.

Procedure Sheet No. 2007-1163 issued to Thomas and JoAnn Cassella of 31 Vinton Rd., Map R-09-A-06 to replace a garage requiring a new foundation. Motion to accept the project was made, seconded and approved by all. Mary vandenBerg signed the Procedure Sheet with the condition that hay bales or silt fence be placed between the driveway and the house to prevent run-off as indicated on the attached map.

We received from the Selectmen copies of February 21st, Lycott Environmental letter explaining Orders of Conditions on DEP File #184-129 (herbicide) and DEP File #184-130 (drawdown). Mr. Wettlaufer will be meeting with Lee Lyman of Lycott on March 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Following discussion, Agent Howard Fife will meet with Jim Wettlaufer on our behalf.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Patricia J. Caron, Secretary

Copies to: Select Board, Town Clerk, Board of Health, Planning Board, Building Inspector, Highway Surveyor, ZBA, File and HCC Chairperson