

**Holland Conservation Commission**  
**27 Sturbridge Road, Holland MA 01521**  
**Minutes of Conservation Commission held on April 28, 2020**

**NOTE:** Due to the Corona Virus this meeting was held remotely using Go-To-Meeting

**Members Attending Remotely:** Chairperson, Jessica Chaffee; Kaitlin Laabs; Kathy McKenna; Marcia Beal; Sam Spratlin; Dawn Kamay    **Members Absent:** None

**Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm by Jessica Chaffee, Chairperson**

**Approval of Minutes from 4/14/2020:** Kaitlin made a motion to approve the minutes with typographical error correction from 4/14/2020. Dawn seconded. All in favor; motion passed with a yes vote from the following members.

- **Members who verbally voted in favor:** Jessica Chaffee, Kaitlin Laabs, Sam Spratlin, Dawn Kamay, Marcia Beal, Kathy McKenna. **No one verbally opposed.**

**Email Correspondence:**

- 4/15-4/17/2020: From Robbin Lauzon with specific questions regarding the updated plan. (*Kathy responded.*)
- 4/20/2020: Expenditure report was forwarded to Dawn.
- 4/22/2020: From Lindsay Martucci with MACC's On- line *Spring Quarterly Magazine*.
- 4/23/2020: From Deb Colt noting that though she is working remotely responses to email requests may be delayed. She will be in the office on Thursdays.
- 4/23/2020: Request to reset password for LogMein.
- 4/24/2020: Request from Mary Ann Bauchiero and the ZBA to submit a copy of any plans we have for 44 Over-the-Top Road. (*Kathy to respond.*)
- 4/24/2020: Kathy McKenna forwarded to Commissioners an anonymous call-in complaint regarding excavation on Island Road—no address was given.
- 4/24/2020: Jack Keough forwarded a concern raised by the Holland Police relative to 35 Heritage Drive and the possibility of digging and installing some sort of drainage system. (*Jessica responded to Jack Keough.*)
- 4/26/2020: From Robbin Lauzon indicating that they had installed straw wattles and silt fence as requested and wanted to know what time they were scheduled on the agenda for 4/28/2020. (*Kathy responded to her email.*)
- 4/26/2020: From Dawn with a concern. (*Kathy forwarded her email to all the Commissioners.*)
- 4/27/2020: From Jessica Chaffee to Anthony Wonseski Jr. (SVE Associates) regarding the final report on the Leno Road Project. He responded that it would be forthcoming within a month when the weather warms up a bit.
- 4/27/2020: Kathy forwarded Dawn the most recent Expenditure Report.

- 4/27/2020: To Deb Colt asking for a statement to be placed on the Town's Main Page regarding Tree Removal.
- 4/27/2020: From Deb Colt noting the town has reopened the Warrant Articles until May 5, 2020
- 4/28/2020: Town Officials' Training at the Holland Community Center on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 has been canceled. Training will be rescheduled when safe to do so.
- 4/28/2020: Chris McCooe forwarded a tree removal application to Olivia Kroncke. (*Kathy responded to both—thanking Chris and clarifying the process.*)

### **General Correspondence:**

- 4/28/2020: Unable to access the Town Hall to check the mailbox due to Corona Virus restrictions.

### **Phone Messages:**

4/24/2020: Anonymous message about excavation on Island Road with sediment running into the Lake. Kathy shared this concern via email with Commissioners in order to see if anyone was available to do a drive down Island Road.

### **Site visits made and Tree Removal Approvals:**

- **Tree Removal Concern:** Sam asked if the letter was sent out to the resident who dropped a tree in the lake without a permit. Jessica will check on it and send the letter tomorrow.
- **378 Masahpaug Road:** Site visit made due to citizen complaint/Oil cans on the side of the driveway. Conservation has no jurisdiction over this concern until something topples into the water. Kate did not see anything going into the river. Everything was contained and though it looked a bit of a mess, it appeared to be organized.
- **9 Island Road/Joe Bergeron:** Sam emailed the tree approval to Bergeron.
- **16 Lakeshore Drive/Erin and Mike Franzo:** Approval to remove one birch tree that is leaning dangerously. Mitigation 2 Shrubs and/or 1 tree. Approval hand delivered at site visit.

### **Site visits that need to be made:**

No site visits are scheduled,

### **Round Table:**

- **Update on 25 Heritage Road:** An Emergency Cease and Desist Order was issued. Jessica sent this information along to Jack Keough.
- **Update on Citizen Complaint regarding draining chlorinated water from Hot Tubs:** Some towns have regulations, but Holland has nothing noted in the bylaws. Sam asked about the number of complaints we get regarding hot tubs and whether this issue warrants a special bylaw.
- **41 Island Road:** Home owner was asked to put in a silt fence and complied. He raised the concern about 38 Island Road/Douglas Robidoux, Jr.
- **38 Island Road:** The person who made the complaint indicated that sediment was running into culvert and then into the lake during a recent heavy rain. Jessica would

like to issue an Enforcement Order to see what the owner has planned for the site.

Marcia will drive by during the rain we are supposed to have at the end of the week.

- **Williams Road Complaint:** Water is coming down the hill running down the driveway and washing out the yard. Jessica feels that this is more of a town issue. Jessica sent pictures to Highway, Town Clerk and the Select Board. Kaitlin asked to about trying in to get some grant money for this road. Unfortunately, this is not a town road. Kaitlin indicated that the property owner needs to be responsible for maintaining temporary stabilization until grass grows in the yard. Jessica will try to contact the owners and see what can be done. Kaitlin feels that this area requires a catch basin to resolve some of this issue.
- **Conservation IDs:** Dawn wondered if we could get decent sized lanyards that we could wear when we make site visits.
- **Dawn's Concern:** Dawn noted that there were some trees being cut down on Heritage and she stopped by to speak with the owner. The home owner indicated that a septic system was being installed and he appeared unaware that a Tree Cutting Application needed to be completed in order to cut down trees for this project. Dawn also stopped by and tried to meet with an individual at 38 Old County Road who was cutting down one large tree. This person told Dawn to leave his property and indicated that he didn't see any reason why he needed to come to the town or Conservation in order to get permission to cut down a tree on his own property. Jessica will check with Mark Stinson to see what if any jurisdictional options Conservation may have.
- **Trees down near Lake Siog:** Ann Hall sent an email to Mark Stinson complaining about Brimfield Road along Lake Siog. Jessica and Marcia visited and shared pictures they took. The trees appeared to have been down a long time. No further action is warranted.
- **Town Warrant:**
  - **Jessica made a motion requesting that Katlin put in for a Warrant for a part time Conservation Agent in order to be submitted by May 5, 2020 deadline. Kaitlin seconded.**
  - Sam asked if the agent was intended to replace the board clerk. The short answer is no, as the agent would be handling the in-depth Conservation Work and follow-up sit visits, and meeting with home-owners that is necessary to maintain compliance with the Wetlands Protection Act.
  - **Members who verbally voted in favor:** Jessica Chaffee, Kaitlin Laabs, Sam Spratlin, Dawn Kamay, Marcia Beal, Kathy McKenna. **No one verbally opposed.**

**7:00 PM— Public Meeting NOI #184-0373**

**Kelly Bedard/29 Lakeridge Drive**

**Draft OOC**

**Public Meeting Opened at 7:05 pm**

**Persons in Attending Remotely:** Chairperson, Jessica Chaffee; Kaitlin Laabs; Kathy McKenna; Marcia Beal; Sam Spratlin; Dawn Kamay; Kelly and Mike Bedard (applicants)

- **Discussion:** The Bedards submitted an updated plan with notations asked for at the last meeting. Dawn spoke with the Bedards about mitigation. No more trees will come down. The slope behind the garage will be reinforced with the foundation. The Slurry pit will be

reinforced with plywood. Discussion about the need for mitigation. Marcia noted that any changes need to be brought back to Conservation.

**MOTION:** Sam moved to approve the OOC for NOI # 184-0373 ( plan dated 4/27/2020) Bedard/29 Lakeridge Drive. Kathy Seconded.

- **Members who verbally voted in favor:** Sam Spratlin, Dawn Kamay, Marcia Beal, Kathy McKenna. **No one verbally opposed.** Jessica Chaffee, Kaitlin Laabs recused themselves and abstained from the voting.

- **Motion passed**

- **Public Meeting closed at 7:21 pm**

**Decision:** OOC will be submitted with the changes noted on the plan 4/27/2020. Jessica will submit the OOC to the DEP and Jessica will hand deliver the OOC to the Bedards so she can sign the pink sheet. The Bedards will need to wait 10 days to record it at the Registry of Deeds. After it's recorded work can be started.

### **7:30 PM— Public Meetin NOI #184-0372**

#### **Robbin Lauzon/42 Over-the-Top Road**

#### **Draft OOC**

**Public Meeting Opened at 7:34 pm**

**Persons in Attending Remotely:** Chairperson, Jessica Chaffee; Kaitlin Laabs; Kathy McKenna; Marcia Beal; Sam Spratlin; Dawn Kamay; Robbin & Anthony Lauzon (owners)

**Discussion:** We have an original and revised plan with silt fence and straw wattles. They included the additional trees and the limit of work. It is between the upper straw wattle and lowest silt fence. Jessica asked them to mark the limit of work on the newest, revised plan.

**MOTION:** Dawn made a motion to approve the OOC for NOI #184-0372 for the updated plan dated 4/28/2020 Lauzon/ 42-Over the-Top Road. Sam seconded.

- **Members who verbally voted in favor:** Jessica Chaffee, Kaitlin Laabs, Sam Spratlin, Dawn Kamay, Marcia Beal, Kathy McKenna. **No one verbally opposed.**

- **Motion passed**

- **Public Meeting closed at 7:46 pm.**

**Decision:** Jessica will submit the OOC when she gets the updated plan. Jessica will and deliver the OOC and the Lauzon's will need to wait 10 days to record it at the Registry of Deeds. After its recorded work can be started.

#### **Adjournment:**

- Marcia moved to adjourn the meeting, Dawn seconded.

- **Members who verbally voted in favor:** Jessica Chaffee, Kaitlin Laabs, Sam Spratlin, Dawn Kamay, Marcia Beal, Kathy McKenna. **No one verbally opposed.**

- **Motion passed**

- **Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McKenna, Secretary