



**Select Board Minutes
Tuesday April 18, 2017 - 7 pm
Holland Town Hall
27 Sturbridge Road
Holland, MA**

Present: Elias Gillen, Chair
Lawrence Mandell, Member Bettina Schmidt, Member
Kelli A. Robbins, Esq., Executive Secretary

Call to Order:

Mr. Gillen called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Motion **041817-1**, Mr. Mandell to waive the reading of the minutes of March 21st, March 27th and April 4th, to approve as written. 2nd Ms. Schmidt. So voted

Meetings with the Board/Old Business:

Notice of Intent (NOI) extension for weed treatment. Christine McCooe spoke with the Board regarding the need to extend the current Notice of Intent for weed treatment. She explained that in the past the weed treatment had an individual NOI and the drawdown has an individual NOI. Ms. McCooe is in process of writing a combined NOI for both. In the meantime the weed treatment NOI will expire in June. Holland has a scheduled weed treatment to be done after the expiration of the NOI, which is why extending should be done immediately.

Mr. Mandell asked what the timing is. Ms. McCooe said there is not time to complete the combined NOI. The Conservation Commission has the topic on the agenda for the April 25th meeting so it can be completed on time.

Ms. McCooe explained she has done research on the requirements for the combined NOI and that the estimated cost will be \$500 +/- for the postage. That is because the abutters must be notified by letter with a certificate of mailing. Ms. McCooe also got a quote on the printing of the letters, envelopes and stuffing of mailing from Minuteman Press for \$139.25

The letter have to be in the hands of the abutters 7 days prior to the hearing for the NOI

Motion **041817-2**, Mr. Mandell to vote yes to the request to extend the weed treatment NOI. Ms. Schmidt, 2nd. So voted. Document signed.

Lake Oversight Committee and Conservation Committee
Brandon Cove dredging discussion:

Mr. Ken Ference spoke at length of the changes in water depth in Brandon Cove. He showed the Select Board pictures on his phone of what it currently looks like. Mr. Ference also gave a history of the issue, referencing studies he has that state the dredging must be done.

Ms. Elena Thompson also spoke about the changes she sees since moving to the cove.

Mr. Gillen asked if all agreed that dredging will only be a short term solution because the main issue is the retaining pond. The retaining pond was not built as presumed when commissions due to geographic limitations that cannot be altered. The audience gave general agreement.

Mr. Gillen stated that no one was arguing the fact that the lake is filling in.

Mr. Ference asked for the steps to proceed.

Mr. Gillen stated the first thing on the list is getting a handle on the cost for the project before they can proceed in any way and that getting the proper steps in the proper order is the goal of the Board at this time.

Ms. McCooe stated that whoever does the project has to do an NOI for it. If the Town is the applicant the fees may be waived. The projected amount of fill to remove is not supposed to be more than 100 cubic yards so that we can avoid having to test what is pulled out.

Mr. Ference mentioned possibly putting a dam on the other side of Mashapaug by the truck drop so the water can slow down and filter slowing to the lake.

Mr. Mike Pellitier asked if it was true that the town receives \$3000 a year from Connecticut to care for the lake. No that is not correct. The town does not receive any funds from Connecticut for any reason, in fact Holland pays taxes in Connecticut. Mr. Pellitier asked if individuals could do this project. Ms. McCooe stated that an individual could do this but would need to go through the same process with Conservation Commission, an NOI and there would be fees. Mr. Ference stated the fees are over \$19,000.00

Ms. McCooe stated the sediment removed would need to be brought to “an appropriate legal place” quoting Mark from DEP. No one had an explanation of what that is. Mr. Gillen asked Ms. McCooe to contact DEP to get a definition/location for that term. Mr. Gillen asked Ms. Robbins to get an estimate from town counsel on the cost of the legal work involved and to see what the cost of leasing the equipment will be.

New Business:

To Appoint Anne Hall to the Conservation Commission at the request of the Conservation Commission.

Motion 041817-3 Mr. Mandell to appoint Anne Hall to the Conservation Commission. 2nd Ms. Schmidt. So voted

Public Access

None

Announcements:

Mr. Mandell announced there will be a Town wide Clean up on April 22, 2017 45-60 people are currently registered!

The meeting time is still 9 o'clock, at the **Holland Elementary School**. There will be a **pizza** party will also be moved, probably to Diane's Villa Nova.
Mr. Mandell said he would be there on behalf of the Select Board.

Ms. Schmidt announced the Battle of the Badges Blood Drive being held at the Community Center between the hours of 9 AM and 2 PM, Saturday April 22.

Ms. Schmidt announced the Rabies Clinic being held at the Holland Town Hall April 22, 2017 from 10 AM – Noon. Dog licenses will also be available.

Ms. Schmidt read the warrant amounts:

W41	A\$15292.84	W42	A \$160,688.41
	P \$88197.00		P \$26,973.05

Motion 040417-8 Mr. Mandell, to adjourn. Ms. Schmidt 2nd. So voted.

Meeting closed 7:44 PM