

**Holland Conservation Commission
27 Sturbridge Road, Holland MA 01521
HCC Minutes March 9, 2021**

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

NOTE: This meeting is being recorded on audio.

Members Attending Remotely: Jessica Chaffee, Chair; Dawn Kamay; Marcia Beal; Sam Spratlin **Non-member Recording Secretary:** Kathy McKenna.

Members Absent: Kaitlin Laabs

Guests: Tim Gerry (may be interested in joining ConCom); Chris McCoee

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by Jessica Chaffee

Approval of Minutes from 2/9/2021: Sam made a motion to approve the minutes from 2/9/2021; Marcia seconded. All in favor; motion passed with a yes vote from the following members. **Members who verbally voted in favor:** Dawn Kamay, Sam Spratlin, Marcia Beal, Jessica Chaffee. **Verbally opposed:** None

Correspondence Log Since February 8 2021

EMAILS:

- From Jeremy Degler of Tighe & Bond asking about how we usually send abutter's notices and ad for NOIs.
- Scott Berg, 11 (A & B) Lakeridge with drawings related to addition to B and replacement decking on A
- Paul Less with drawing bank project at 62 Sturbridge Road - printed to put in their file at Town Hall
- Complaint of lake drawn down causing dry wells again by Douglas Curving.
- R. Lunden tree removal at 45 Shore Drive. Forwarded to Sam 2/20/21
- Email regarding **Capitalization of PFAS Toxic-Cleanup Liability Fund**
- Stacy Stout requesting a copy of 184-0335 - lake weed treatment and drawdown. Dawn replied with info from Kaitlin (thanks Kate!).
- Feb 22 from Laurie B. expenditure report

- From Greenhill Engineering with proof of OOC being filed for Goodwin, 332 Mashapaug, DEP# 184-0380. Sent to Becky for print/filing.
- Becky/Erin regarding concurrence for Erin's access to systems in order to do the job of Becky. Kaitlin concurred,
- Barbara Carrillo regarding concern over new dock at 27 Shore Drive. Dawn replied we'd investigate on 3/2/2021
- Colleen Foerster with resume and interest in the Conservation Agent contract 3/2/2021
- Chris McCooe with copy of what she has on file for Dock Regulations
- 3/2 request for Annual Report submissions. Dawn checked to be sure and Stacy Stout said she received from Kathy McKenna and she did.
- 3/2 back and forth regarding dock bylaws and need for most recent document as the website for this is locked for "revision".
- Becky saying she bought a label maker for our file system
- Dawn's minor edits to Becky and Erin for re-recording of our voicemail (old one by Chris McCooe with incorrect conservation email address)
- Chief Bryan Haughey regarding need to update and legally post the 2007 Special Town Meeting approved dock by laws. Meeting to take place with the Bylaw Committee, Chief and others asap.

Phone Messages:

- 2/19 from Erin P. asking to discuss Concom Clerk position
- Norma Constance, Wales Conservation - they want to update their filing fees? Mentioned RDA and NOI site visit. Tel: 413-388-8689. Dawn forwarded via an email to Jess (Chaffee) Wales.

Mail:

- Forest Cutting Plan signed on Jan 24, 2021 from John Clark on behalf of Palmer Beagle Club, 146 Brimfield Rd, Holland. Harvester to be Anthony Grossi. Trees located at Bennett Road - 105 acres, proposed start date of 2/20/21.

Walk-ins

Kevin & Debra Palmer/ 6 Old Acres Rd: They have lots of muck and leaves where their dock is located and they cannot get into the water without sinking and getting stuck in the muck. They would like to use an Airstream Pro to address these concerns. Jessica asked about the dock remaining in the water over the winter. Kevin said that the inten-

tion was to remove the dock, but they couldn't because the mud and muck are so thick they are unable to walk out to remove the dock without getting stuck. He noted that the Airstream Pro can attach to the dock or can float. Jessica said that as long as it does not touch the lake bed floor a RDA would be acceptable. Sam wants information and specifications on the machine they plan to use. Jessica noted that it was not up to Conservation to decide on the best model. Conservation just wants to be sure whatever model they choose will not be detrimental to the resource area. Jessica asked the Palmers to fill out a RDA to make sure that there is documentation. Some discussion among ConCom members occurred about aerators in general and the ones that are used in the Sandy Beach Cove.

Review of Site Visits:

45 Shore Drive/R. Lunden: 4 dead trees requested to be removed. They will replace these with 1 tree.

North Basin Concern: Kathy mentioned the huge pine tree limbs that are in the water by the causeway on the North Basin side and asked who was responsible to remove them. They could pose a danger to the dam or boats.

New Tree Removal Applications:

- No new applications

New Site Visits:

- **11B/11A Lakeridge Road/Berg:** Rebuild decks /RDA
- **33 Lee Avenue:** This property has been sold. The new owner wants to know what conditions of OOC are still open and wants to be compliant. Jessica noted that we need a Form 8A. She will try to arrange a site visit to the property.
- **27 Candlewood Drive/Rich Heinemann:** Request for COC Members will make a site visit.

Shore Drive Complaint: There was a complaint from Barbara Carrillo, 26 Shore Drive. She noted that someone built a dock that extends out over the right-of-way. It is perched on large rocks and hanging out over the water. In addition, there is a For Sale sign on this right-of-way. The property may belong to the town and JoAnne Higgins is checking into this for Conservation. It appears that the owner of Lot 62 on Shore Drive (the right-of-way) is James F. Counihan. Conservation will need to write a letter and ask him to come to a meeting regarding the dock complaint. Dawn will talk with JoAnne and share a draft of our letter with the BOS. She'll send the final draft by email to make sure members approve of the letter. Jessica wonders if we should try to notify people who have deeded rights to this right-of-way and make sure they are aware of the issues and concerns. It was suggested that the Lake Association email could be used and perhaps a posting on the Town Website asking anyone who has deeded rights to contact the Conservation Commission.

7:00 pm RDA Public Meeting
11/B Lakeridge Road
Project: Addition to existing home

Persons Attending Remotely: Jessica Chaffee, Chair; Dawn Kamay; Marcia Beal; Sam Spratlin; Scott Berg, Applicant; Chris McCooe, Abutter **Non-member Recording Secretary:** Kathy McKenna.

Public Hearing Opened at 7:00 pm

Discussion: They have 2 houses on the property. Their main house, a 50-ft. ranch, is 11/B. They want to remove existing deck and rebuild enclosing a portion of the deck to create a family room. The edge of the deck is about 25 feet from the water. On 11/A Lakeridge they also want to repair the deck. This is about 30 feet away from the water. There is a lot of rot, and he is waiting for the builder to make final decisions. They plan to use sonic tube piers. Jessica suggested Doug consider using a techno post as there is much less disturbance to the land. Scott wants to put a poured concrete pad for a patio underneath the deck. Permeable pavers would be preferable to concrete. Chris McCooe noted that she used under roofing materials under her deck and it goes into a gutter. Sam suggested a rain garden in front of the patio. Chris McCooe is concerned about digging because her well is very close to where this project will occur. Nothing will be stockpiled on site. Jessica asked for the revised plan to be sent to her and she noted that silt fence and 12-inch straw wattles need to be placed about 15 feet from the water. She asked to have this marked on the revised plan. Dawn asked about making a site visit. She'll call ahead because they have dogs.

Note/Point of Order: Kathy noted that two projects on one property are being discussed, and she was concerned that this was not addressed correctly in the newspaper legal notice. Since both 11A and 11/B are considered one lot, Jessica did not feel that this was a concern.

Motion: Jessica made a motion to approve the projects at 11/B and 11/A with negative determination #3 with the following conditions:

1. All materials from any digging will be removed from the site immediately—nothing to be stockpiled on site.
2. Under-decking materials and gutters to be added to new deck to control run-off on 11/B.
3. Rain garden plantings to be installed near the downspout area.
4. 12-inch straw wattles and silt fencing to be installed 15 feet from the water. Work done per plan dated 3/9/2021. Sam seconded.

Members voted verbally in favor: Jessica Chaffee, Chair; Dawn Kamay; Marcia Beal; Sam Spratlin **Verbally opposed:** None

Decision: RDA approved with conditions.

Dawn moved to close the public meeting Jessica seconded; All in favor Public Meeting was closed at 7:40 PM

Round Table

- Sam asked if Highway Dept. has scheduled a date to come back to Conservation to review the NOI. Dawn will check with JoAnne Higgins.
- Application for agent position—Jessica suggests we respond to applicant and review the application at the next meeting. The applicant will be asked to join the meeting
- Tim Gerry is interested in Conservation.
- Sam asked about the 319 Grant. Dawn will check with JoAnne Higgins about about the 319 Grant and see if someone from highway will be attending the meeting.
- The next meeting is 3/23/2020 and there is a RDA for 105 Sandy Beach Road. Jessica will need to recuse herself, so she wanted to make sure there would be a quorum. She will also schedule the meeting the the Applicant for Agent at 7:30 pm.

Adjournment:

- **Sam moved to adjourn the meeting, Marcia seconded.**
- **Members who verbally voted in favor:** Jessica Chaffee, Chair; Dawn Kamay; Marcia Beal; Sam Spratlin **No one was verbally opposed.**
- **Motion passed**

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McKenna, Recording Secretary (Non-member)