

Holland Conservation Commission

Minutes of Commission meeting held on August 22, 2006.

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

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

7:05 p.m. Minutes of Commission Meeting held on August 8, 2006 were read, accepted and will be distributed. No meeting was held on 8-15-06 due to a lack of a quorum.

7:10 p.m. We received from the DEP a copy of the Enforcement Orders sent to James and Michael LaMontain and Chad Brigham, essentially stating that they have to file a Notice of Intent with the HCC or submit an approved Forest Cutting Plan.

We received a memo from Kristin LaPlante who received a phone call from John C. Bunn of 90 Maybrook Rd. requesting that "a detailed letter explaining what documentation is needed by the engineer for the bridge study". This is in regards to the Emergency Certification Form sent October 18, 2005. A letter will be sent informing him that he needs to hire an engineer who is knowledgeable in Massachusetts stream crossing regulations.

7:30 p.m. Ellen Anderstrom gave a presentation on Vernal Pools for a Girl Scout Gold Award. Betty O'Keefe from Worcester was present. Ellen gave us a loose-leaf binder containing instructions on How To Certify A Vernal Pool, pictures of potential and actual Vernal Pools and a map numbered with the various sites in Holland. She also gave us a CD. We were all impressed with her detailed presentation and will add this information to our library.

7:45 p.m. Members signed the Order of Conditions for James and Thomas Kosinski, DEP File #184-0204 project to install a Tight Tank at 50 Island Rd. Signatures notarized by Town Clerk, Kristin LaPlante, Notary Public.

We received from Christine McCooe, President of the Hamilton Reservoir Association, a copy of a letter sent to her from the Northeast Aquatic Research, LLC regarding a **Rare and Endangered Plant Survey in Hamilton Reservoir, 2006**. The HRA paid \$1,750.00 for this survey. No endangered species were found.

We discussed the Hamilton Reservoir drawdown. We unanimously agreed to October 10, 2006 and recommended this date to the Board of Selectmen.

8:00 p.m. Andrew Harhay came for his continued Public Hearing following a full-member board site visit on 8-12-2006 at his property on Lot 5, Mashapaug Rd. He requested that the revised location of the house be 15 ft., not 20 ft. back from the original map that would save him the cost of installing a pump for his septic system. Order of Conditions to reflect the relocation of the house to be 15 ft. back, based on the original map and that no more than 50 percent of the canopy of trees be removed within 50 ft. of the water. White pines may be removed. Applicant and all were in favor of closing the hearing at 8:25 p.m. Order of Conditions were signed by members and signatures notarized by Town Clerk, Kristin LaPlante, Notary Public.

8:30 p.m. Rena O'Keefe of T.J. O'Keefe Construction presented procedure Sheet #2006-1124 issued to Michael Vaillancourt of 3 Pine Tree Ln., R41-B-02 to repair tank replacement. Following the correction of the map depicting the location of the repair, a motion to approve the project was made and approved by all. Mary vandenBerg signed the procedure sheet stating that the silt fence must stay in place until grass grows.

8:40 p.m. Gary Powers of 36 Lake Shore Dr. came seeking advice regarding his project to demolish and rebuild his house and to construct a wall lakeside. He was informed he will require a Notice of Intent and we recommended an engineer.

9:10 p.m. Tony Grossi of New England Land and Lumber (NELL) came to inform and seek our approval of his project. James Wettlaufer recused himself and left the room. NELL will stockpile material taken from Union, Ct onto his adjacent South West end of the Holland, MA property about 400 ft. from the wetlands. Hay bales and silt fences to remain in place. Motion made to accept his project and was approved by all. Selectmen will be notified of our decision.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 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