

Holland Conservation Commission

Minutes of February 22, 2005



Present: Mary vandenBerg, Chairwoman, Steven Anderstrom, Acting Secretary, Howie Fife, Jim Wettlaufer

Absent: Helen Kreiger, and Pat Caron

7:00: Minutes for 2-8-05 approved.

7:05: Dave Bucelli requesting to remove 4 trees at Sandy Beach Road. Owner Dora Metrelis. Motion by H. Fife to approve. All approved. Copy of procedure form filed.

7:10: Reviewed plan from New England Land & Lumber, owner Tony Grossi. Check for \$512.50 received as per DEP fee schedule. Maps & proposal submitted, regarding land in Holland, Sturbridge, and Union, CT. Area being requested to be zoned for business. . Question regarding if a hearing is needed. Questions regarding if land should be reviewed regarding wetland, endanger species, etc. H. Fife questioned DEP, and public hearing, review, and site visits will need to be scheduled. Process to be like NOI.

7:45: Public Hearing for 2 Massaconnic Trail. Owner Robert Phelps, not present. Steve Bressette, of Jalbert Engineering present. Check for \$50.00 received to cover cost of newspaper ads. Leach field and garage within buffer zone. Septic tank to be at 10 Massaconnic Trail, about 200 feet away. Pipe to run under Massaconnic Trail above two feet below road surface. Questions regarding pipe in road being deep enough and sturdy enough. Concerns about increased run off into wetland area. Concerns about well less than 100 feet away. Two plans for garage show two-story garage with bathroom. Jalbert Engineering will re-look at plan design. Motion to continue by H. Fife. All in favor.

8:25: Public Hearing regarding Thomas Gould property on Allen Hill Road. Roads created within property. NOI check received for \$67.50. Hearing held in Community Room due to over a dozen abutters and concerned parties. Bruce Griffin of New England Environment Inc. 413-253-3252, presenting plans to correct wetland problems where road crosses wetlands. Plan is to improve old logging road, so that owner can travel the property without getting stuck in wetlands. Plan to restore wetland areas with improvement for water to run under road in 4 areas. Bare areas to be seeded with native grasses and plants.

Concerns raised by Charles Smith, executor of the Smith estate. States that no roads existed on property. Property was logged 3 times within the last 45 years. Donna Brown, of Sturbridge Rd. stated that a deed restriction exists to prevent development on properties that were in the Smith estate. Deed restriction for 99 years. Ray Korney, Restful Paws, Allen Hill Rd. states that work done has taken away wetland on his property, upstream of Gould property.

Laurie Kennedy of Allen Hill Rd. questioned whether any documentation has been done since work was done last summer. Example: current satellite photos, to compare with NE Environment Inc.' presentation. None were submitted at this time.

No response from DEP on NIO. request.

Owner and HCC agreed to the following:

Site visit scheduled for 3-12-05 at 9:30AM

Continue hearing to 3-22-05 at 7:30PM, pending response from DEP. Motion by J. Wettlaufer, all approved.

9:30: Rolf Hilbig, of Hamilton Dr. would like to join the Commission. M. vandenBerg wrote letter of recommendation and gave to J. Wettlaufer, Selectman, to appoint at next Selectman's meeting. All approved.

9:45: Motion to adjourn by S. Anderstrom, all approved.

Submitted by:

Steven Anderstrom

CC: Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk, Board of Health, Planning Board, Highway Dept., Building Inspector, File, HCC Chair

