

Holland Conservation Commission

Minutes of Commission meeting held on March 15, 2005.

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

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

7:03 p.m. Minutes of Commission Meeting held on March 1, 2005, were read and accepted. No meeting was held on March 8, 2005 due to severe snowstorm.

7:05 p.m. Member signatures were affixed to the Vendor Voucher for \$74.21 for the legal ads of Phelps and Gould that appeared in The Republican. Voucher to be submitted to the Town Treasurer.

Member Signatures affixed to 3 Determination of Applicability: 1) Robert Clark of 32 Hamilton Dr., 2) Rita Benson and Doris Uhlig of 33 Hamilton Dr., and 3) John Panula of 25 Sandy Beach Rd.

Old Business:

A consultant of New England Land and Lumber came and discussed with Howard Fife our letter and said he would correct the map.

7:15 p.m. Order of Conditions were written for Robert Phelps. Member Signatures are to be notarized by Kristin Grant, Notary Public and Mr. Brissette will be notified.

7:20 p.m. to 7:40 p.m. The HCC met with the Planning Board to discuss Escape Estates' Lots 7 thru 12.

7:40 p.m. Judy Pote of 68 Leno Rd. (Lot 8) sought our help because her property is being inundated with water despite the culvert, French ditch and pipe that were installed to prevent this. The pipe is not functioning properly and is threatening her septic. Howard Fife searched the Board of Health records for the contractor who did the work. The record shows that Lorry McCool of Wilbraham was responsible for the application of the disposal system. Judy Pote was grateful for the information and will investigate further.

8:10 p.m. to 8:40 p.m. Andre Cormier, Sr. of Escape Estates met with the HCC and the Planning Board to discuss Lots 7 thru 12 which he had originally proposed a trust be set up for Open Space to protect the Wetlands in the 14 acres which would be held by Opacum. However, Opacum does not get involved with such a small area. So, in order to preserve the Wetlands, the Open Space will be placed in a 501C3 Land Trust. The required open land within an Open Space Community shall be determined as follows: "at least fifty percent (50%) of the net acreage remaining after the area of all wetlands has been subtracted shall be retained as Open Land." On lots 7 thru 12, 57% of the total acreage is retained in Open Space. 2.1 acres in wetlands and 11.9 acres in uplands. 14 acres is 57% of 24.5.

It was noted that the trail access along Lot 12 is only 25'. It should be 50' and will be corrected.

8:40 p.m. Procedure Sheet #05-934 issued to Renato Nardi of 13 Sandy Beach Rd., Map R35-G-04 to add a loft/studio to his house. Motion to approve the project providing a dumpster be on site made by James Wettlaufer. Seconded and approved by all. Procedure sheet signed by Mary vandenBerg with the conditions stated.

8:55 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Scungio of 81 Sturbridge Rd. came in response to a letter written August 13, 2004 because of a neighbor's concern of a Cherry tree on their property having fallen in the river during a heavy windstorm. Having returned from Florida, they came to us with their concern that their land is being saturated with water, uprooting several trees of which none are in the river. Their pond is getting larger. It was recommended that they seek the help of an Environmental Engineer.

9:05 p.m. Procedure Sheet #05-941 issued to Lee Jolin of 130 Stafford Rd., Map 20-A1 to repair a septic system was represented by Mark Farrell of Greenhill Engineering at Mr. Jolin's Public Hearing. Motion made by James Wettlaufer to approve the project with a Negative Determination. Seconded and approved by all. Applicants and all were in favor of closing the hearing at 9:10 p.m. Procedure sheet signed by Mary vandenBerg. Determination of Applicability to be completed and hand delivered on March 22, 2005.

9:20 p.m. An old Procedure Sheet #03-0768 issued to Elizabeth Scott represented by Robert and John Scott wants to build a 4.5' by 15' greenhouse addition at 12 Leno Rd., Map R17 A1. Motion to accept the project made by Howard Fife. Seconded and approved by all. Procedure Sheet signed by Mary vandenBerg. Mr. Scott will bring in an updated Procedure Sheet. He also sought our approval to cut down diseased hemlocks, saplings and other trees that are shading the house. In the spring, a site visit to determine which trees may be cut will be made by Howard Fife and James Wettlaufer.

Motion to adjourn made by Pat Caron, 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, File and HCC Chairperson