

Holland Conservation Commission

Minutes of Commission meeting held on March 22, 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 15, 2005, were read, accepted and distributed.

7:05 p.m. -

Old Business:

On 3-17-05 Robert Phelps' Order of Conditions were picked up by Steven Brissette.

. Last week Rolf Hilbig and James Wettlaufer met with Mr. and Mrs. Gould and Bruce Griffin for their site visit. It is clear from viewing the property and the maps provided that in the case of the 3 of the 4 wetlands crossings it is impossible to determine with any certainty the extent of the original boundaries of these wetlands due to the extensive excavation and filling that preceded this Notice of Intent. The project concludes the creation/improvement of approximately 4,000 feet of woods roads; all of which has been roughed out and perhaps 75% has been finished with layers of gravel of varying depths. Clearly the work done prior to this Notice of Intent was done with little care to protect the wetland areas and may have been intended to alter the natural flow to make it more manageable for purposes of crossing. Of particular concern is the road along the northern boundary from the soil pile at crossing #1 to the southerly boundary of crossing #4. There is a need for significant care in placement of erosion controls throughout this area as indicated partially by orange flagging on-site. These erosion controls need to be added to the maps so that the contractors and operators make sure they are in place. Crossing #4 and the suggested replication area make good sense in view of the slope entering this area. Crossing #3 should include some detail of slop/grade of the proposed road to allow for control of the runoff down this very steep slope to the north and west of the culvert approaching the intersection of the crossroad that connects back to the northerly boundary. Gravel roads have no capacity to contain large amounts of runoff particularly in the spring and fall.

Detail of construction must be added to the maps in this area before any further work begins.

There is no indication that any flows have been increased that would account for drainage of wet areas upstream of the property. There does not appear to be any increased flow off the property to the south. I would suggest careful consideration of anecdotal evidence from the abutters in order to write an Order of Conditions that will address all interest of the act.

Mr. Griffin gave us a \$50.00 check paying Mr. Gould's Legal Ad.

Member signatures were affixed to Lee Jolin's Determination of Applicability. Mark Farrell was given copies of Robert Clark, Rita Benson, Doris Uhlig, John Panula and Lee Jolin's Determination of Applicability. Copies to others are to be mailed.

7:20 p.m. Mary vandenBerg has received several complaints of unauthorized work being done on Hamilton Dr., assessor's Map R-41-B-50. Mary vandenBerg made a motion that a letter be sent to Mr. Jason Curving, owner of the property, requesting him to visit us. Seconded and approved by all.

7:25 p.m. Ray Korny of Allen Hill Rd. brought in a video of his property, which abuts Mr. Gould's. In order to view the video, all interested parties retired to the Selectmen's office. Following the video the continued Public Hearing of Thomas Gould, File #184-189 was held in the Community Room with Krystyna Perczak, Wojciech. Perczak, Ray Korny, Kelly Sanders, Tom Gould and Bruce Griffin. Mr. Griffin presented a new map including Mr. Wettlaufer's suggestions. Following discussion and map reviews, motion made by Mary vandenBerg to close the hearing.

Applicants and all were in favor of closing the hearing at 8:10 p.m. Thomas Gould questioned whether he could begin construction at the house site or whether the superseding Enforcement Order of 6-30-2004 would prevent that. After reviewing the Enforcement Order we decided that Mr. Gould could proceed with the house. Motion made by Howard Fife to call Mr. Gould with our decision, seconded and approved by all.

8:20 p.m. Received a copy of a receipt from the Hampden County Registry of Deeds for Robert Phelps of Massaconnic Trail, File #184-188.

8:30 p.m. The Public Hearing of Escape Estates for Butterworth Rd., requesting Determination of Applicability for Lots 8 thru 11 and continued Public Hearing for Lot 7 was held with Andre Cormier, Sr., Andre Cormier, Jr. and Mark Farrell present. Following discussion and review of the maps, motion made by Howard Fife to approve the project with a Negative Determination. Applicants and all were in favor of closing the hearing at 8:45 p.m. Andre Cormier, Sr. will pick up the forms when completed

Motion to adjourn made by Pat Caron, seconded and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 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