

Holland Conservation Commission

27 Sturbridge Road, Holland Ma 01521

Minutes of Commission meeting held on July 22, 2014

Present Members: Chairperson, James Wettlaufer; Greg Abdella; Marcia Beale; Pat Caron; Fran Gallo

7:01 pm. James Wettlaufer, Chairperson, called meeting to order.

Motion by JW to waive reading and accept minutes from June 24, 2014; PC (2nd).

Correspondence:

- **Robert Terwillinger** – 92 Wales Road, Map#E16/10/6,
 - Homeowner requests not to be present during Public Hearing.
 - Jim W. noted that if there are any questions that cannot be answered, both parties must agree to continue the hearing - adding that if homeowner agrees in writing, they do not have to be present.
 - Pat C. will send letter.
- Elias Hanna. Property located corner of Sturbridge and Leno Road, Map #R3/B/46/1, DEP File#184-0295. Discussed

MOTION made by Jim W. not to hear continuation of the public hearing on the application of Notice of Intent on August 12, 2014 due to the tax lien on the property. All in Favor

- Jim W. added it is the opinion of the commission that an Order of Conditions constitutes a permit, and/or license under the Holland By-Laws Chapter IV, Section 7, Paragraph (b) – no permit or license can be issued if there are outstanding taxes or fees due and owing to the town. In accordance with the said by-law, Mr. Hanna will be notified by mail (along with a copy of by-laws) that the HCC will hold a hearing on August 26, 2014 at 7:30PM for the purpose of allowing Mr. Hanna the opportunity to rectify the tax deficiency and/or tax lien. Copies to be sent to the selectman, tax collector, treasurer, and town council.
- At next meeting, August 12, 2014, a hearing will be held to discuss the delinquent taxes. Current taxes owed \$3832.16 – increasing \$.813/day. So noted that payment of the delinquent tax does not guarantee a permit will be issued. The reason being, Mr. Hanna did not comply with the original agreement made to the town to protect the wetlands.

WALK INS:

❖ **Jennifer Ohop and Howie Fife** (President and member of Opacum Land Trust, respectively)

- Jennifer O. & Howie F. would like to write an Open Space plan for town. Have been in touch with a landowner who is interested in doing an open space purchase with Norcross/Opacum/and the Town. To do this they will need an open space land grant/local acquisition for national diversity. An open space plan would be good for 7 years – allowing for grants to be obtained for trails/ballfields/etc. Added it can be done without cost to town.
- Jennifer O. asks we establish the Open Space Plan under a sub-committee of the HCC.

MOTION by Jim W. that we establish an open space sub-committee as part of the Holland Conservation Commission – charter members Jennifer Ohop and Howie Fife (2nd) Marcia B. All in Favor.

❖ **Lauren Barker** – presented OOC payment receipt from Registrar of Deed to HCC for property located at 17 Lakeridge Drive, Map# R4/A/21, DEP File # 184-0299

- Jim W. reiterated haybales must be put across property by the construction site (10' from rear basement line). JW added the haybales must be dug in place and staked so there is no runoff.
- Pat C. advised to bring all paperwork to zone enforcement officer.

7:53 PM - JW made a motion to adjourn, seconded by PC. All in favor

CC: Select Board, Town Clerk, Board of Health, Planning Board, Building Inspector, Highway Surveyor, ZBA, File and HCC Chairperson, Board Clerk