Holland Conservation Commission

Minutes of Commission meeting held on October18, 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 October 11, 2005 were read, accepted and will be distributed.

7:05-7:55 p.m. We discussed the October 15, 2005 early morning flood. After nine days of rain and 9" or 10" overnight Friday, all of the wetlands and surrounding brooks were totally saturated resulting in widespread flooding. The Selectmen met and declared a State of Emergency and called MEMA. Our local Fire, Police, Highway Department, Board of Health, Selectmen and James Gagne, our Director of Emergency Management, all worked diligently during this emergency.

7:55 p.m. Procedure Sheet #2005-1025 issued to Robert Walsh of 5 Roberts Park Rd., Map R31-D-11 to "install a 24" double wall ABS pipe in brook, the next step will be to bring in large boulders and rocks to stabilize back banking to prevent house settling and collapsing". Project was presented by Brian Caron, contractor. The HCC Members signed the Emergency Certification Form which stipulated "Due to narrowness of the stream, it will be necessary to install two (2) 24" by 60 foot culverts to prevent filling of streambed. Culverts are to be part of the final Notice of Intent. Mr. Walsh has 30 days to start the project and must submit a Notice of Intent within 90 days of the end date of this Certificate (November 19, 2005). Howard Fife made a motion to approve the project. Seconded and approved by all. Mary vandenBerg signed the Procedure Sheet with the above conditions.

8:30 p.m. Procedure Sheet #2003-1009 issued to David Smith of Escape Estates to "Construct a single-family house with well and septic" at Lot 4, Map R3-B-1.2. Motion made by Rolf Hilbig to approve the project. Seconded and approved by all. Mary vandenBerg signed the Procedure Sheet.

8:45 p.m. Members signed four (4) Emergency Certification Forms:

1. Paul Gilles of 58 North Wales Rd. allowing "washout to be back-filled to obtain access to home". Mr. Gilles has 30 days to start the project and must submit a Notice of Intent within 90 days of the end date of this Certificate (November 17, 2005). Form is to be sent by Certified Mail.

2 and 3. John Bunn of 90 May Brook Rd. and Jason Asselin of May Brook Rd., Map 07-A-02. Work to be allowed: "Town of Holland to use debris fill from repair of May Brook Rd. to fill approach from May Brook Rd. to culvert. Work on Southern side of culvert to be completed by others". They have 30 days to start the project and the end date of this Certificate is November 17, 2005. Special Conditions are: "Within 1 year of issuance of this Certificate, above parties are to present to this Commission an engineered plan for the replacement of the existing culverts. Plan to be engineered for, to meet the flow of at least a 100 year flood and to meet the stream crossing standards". Form is to be sent by Certified Mail.

4. Town of Holland. Work to be allowed: "All work deemed by the Highway Surveyor, necessary to insure public safety, to repair roads washed out or damaged by flood waters of October 14, 15, 2005". They have 30 days to start the project and the end date of this Certificate is November 15, 2005. Special Conditions are: "A listing of all repairs made under the Certificate must be supplied to the Holland Conservation Commission within sixty (60) days of issuance of the Certificate". Form is to be hand-delivered to the Highway Superintendent.
A copy of each is to be mailed to the Springfield DEP.

We received a $50 check from Green Hill Engineering paying Mr. Terney's Legal Ad.

Motion to adjourn made by James Wettlaufer, seconded and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 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