

Holland Conservation Commission
27 Sturbridge Road, Holland MA 01521

Minutes of Holland Conservation Commission (HCC) held on Sept 13, 2016.

Members Present: Marcia Beal, Fran Gallo, Valerie Lundin, Chris McCooe, Jessica Chaffee

Members Absent: Jeanne Crowley

Meeting called to order at 6:36PM by Chair M. Beal.

Motion by J. Chaffee, 2nd F. Gallo to waive reading of minutes of Aug. 23, 2016 and accept with corrections.

Correspondence/Emails/Phone Calls:

- R. Langley spelling s/b "Leighton"

Old Business:

- Letter from J. Wetlaufer...replace "that states the" with "It may be that they were..."

All in favor. Motion passed.

Order of business:

Announcements:

- First priority of business: the election of a Conservation Committee chairperson. Motion by V. Lundin to nominate M. Beal, 2nd by C. McCooe. All in favor. Motion passed.
- M. Beal stated the resignation of Jeannie Crowley is forthcoming.
- LOC to meet on Oct. 3, 2016 at 7:30pm. Requesting a quorum attend from HCC so as to generate an "agenda" for this meeting.
- Reminder: weed treatment is good to June 9, 2017. However, an extension must be submitted 30 days prior to ending date.

Correspondence/Emails/Phone Calls:

- A mandatory Sexual Harassment Training session will be held on Monday, October 3 from 6-9pm at the Community Center, by a licensed MCAD trainer provided by MIIA.
- Re: Blodgett Farm: Letter to Paul McManus, EcoTec, Inc., from MassDEP: concerning revised Proposed Site Mitigation Plans and Restoration Narrative for Blodgett Farms LLC property, 178 Mashapaug Rd., Holland, concerns have been addressed. However, one additional concern: any seed mix to be used in wetland resource area be a Native Wetland Seed mix. Specific mix to used must be submitted to and approved by MassDEP prior to use.
- Re: Over The Top Road reconstruction. Christopher Dunphy, Principal Planner Manager Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (overseeing the project) was notified by M. Beal that upon observation the erosion control measures as determined by the Order of Conditions were not fully in place. It was also noted that M. Stinson had not received a copy of the Order of Conditions. M. Beal informed B. Johnson of the issue. It was determined a revision of the Order of Conditions must be submitted.
- Re: Over The Top Road: A public meeting presented by the Community Development Block Grant (CSBG) program has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 30, 7:00pm at the Town Hall.
- All ConCom members are invited to the LOC meeting scheduled for Monday, October 17 at 7:00pm. A quorum is needed from ConCom so an agenda may be generated.
- Information from Schuyler Tise: EnergySage Partnerships. For those interested, contact her for info on Solar Energy.
- BOS Bettina Schmidt requesting a detailed Trial Balance for last fiscal year and this year. Request monthly report. M. Beal to reply.
- 2016 Massachusetts Green Careers Conference scheduled for Thursday, September 29 at Worcester DCU Center. Group rates available.

Walk-Ins:

7:08PM

Lynn Arnold: Lake Oversight Committee.

- a) Reviewed ConCom's Task Assignment concerning the Drawdown and that all proper procedures are in place. The Drawdown will commence on the Tuesday after Columbus Day at a rate of 2" per day until a total of 24" has been reached. She will be supplying ConCom with the "Water Shed Rules" explaining in detail the drawdown process – which will now come under the jurisdiction of ConCom.
- b) LOC is recommending to the BOS that a diver be hired to check the seal in the dam prior to the Drawdown. Their concern is that in the event the seal or mechanism fails, significantly more water would flow north than we are allowed and that would cause a major problem upstream as well as with the Reservoir itself.

7:30PM

Mark Farrell: Green Hill Engineering. Representing Tom & Mary Shaw. 105 Sturbridge Rd. Map#2/B/8/1. DEP#184-0320.
 Re: Septic system repair and install new leach field next to the old one. Title 5 requested if within 50' of stream, but no distinction between lake, pond, or wetland. Not a mounded system. M. Stinson found no problem with this installation. Completely in-ground. Presented copy of legal ad.

- ConCom to complete Order of Conditions by end of week.

7:42PM

James and Barbara Blanchette: 3 Massaconic Trail, Map#R07/A/14.
 Re: replace existing failed wall along waterfront with Rosetta stone. Approximately 62' in length. To complete an NOI on-line and send notification to abutters.

- M. Beal to place ad. Public hearing scheduled for October 11 at 7:30 PM.

7:55PM

Kevin and Cathy McKenna: 12 Lakeshore Dr., Map#R24/C/21.
 Re: repair existing rip-rap along waterfront by using the stones that have fallen from the wall.

- M. Beal will visit site to determine if an NOI is needed.

9:25PM

Andy Harhay: 430 Mashapaug Rd., Map#R03/A/1/5.
 Re: removal of trees on property at #7 Massaconic Trail. Map#'s R07/A/11 & R07/A/12.
 Procedure Sheet signed by J. Keogh.

- M. Beal signed Procedure Sheet. Cut wood to be kept on property.

Public Hearing:

8:28PM

DEP#184-0296

Motion to open meeting.

Charlene Henchey, 30 Stoney Hill Rd., Map#R35/C/2.

Abutters present: R. Leighton, A. Leighton.

In reference to email from Glenn Krevosky on August 25, 2015 concerning the Erosion Control Plan for 30 Stoney Hill Rd. Berm around drain at top of property was to have been temporary. As of this date it has not been removed and it is preventing water from going down the drain. Abutters state water being diverted around the berm is following a trench between their properties to the lake, but undermining abutters property and bringing silt into the lake as it goes. C. Henchey stated if the berm is removed, soil, and well as water would flow into the drain which would mean she would need to maintain the drain if it got clogged.

C. Henchey believes the Order of Conditions is being met. Both parties believe a problem also stems from the water and soil that is washing from the bank opposite their homes (street side) and asked if the town would do something to prevent the wash down. It was noted that this is a Private Road, not in the jurisdiction of the town, other than for snow removal.

Both parties are trying to work together to control this runoff. However, as stated in the Order of Conditions, the property of C. Henchey must be stabilized. i.e., hay bales, silt fence. Though the berm seems to be the major concern for the runoff.

- ConCom requested the immediate removal of the berm so water may flow into the drain, and that C. Henchey attend the next ConCom meeting on September 27 at 8:00PM and present a new plan for drainage.

Motion to close hearing: 9:09PM

Public Hearing:

9:11PM

Ethan Elwell: Bones and Stones.

Representing Maria Elena Thompson, 10 Brandon St., Map#R01//C/4/2. No abutter present.

Re: Replace existing wood wall with stone and include stairs into water.

- Paperwork not completed. Public hearing scheduled for October 11, 2016

Motion to close Public Hearing 9:14PM.

Old Business:

8:02PM

A.J. - Green Boys Landscaping: Representing Frank and Marilyn Cappizanno, 19 Leisure Dr., Map#R34/5/D/11

Re: Install new standard pressure treated steps from home downhill to the lake. Drawing was presented showing house, property lines, position of proposed stairway and waterfront. An RDA had previously been submitted. Straw wattles and silt fence to be installed to protect waterfront. Procedure Sheet signed by J. Keogh.

- M. Beal signed Procedure Sheet. A Request for Negative Determination will be completed. An Order of Conditions to be written: hay bales and silt fence to protect waterfront.

9:15PM

Alfred Depeau: 5 Shore Dr., Map#R01/A/6

Re: replace existing cinder block wall with stone. (existing when he purchased the property) Procedure Sheet signed by J. Keough.

- M. Beal signed Procedure Sheet. Order of Conditions: hay bales and silt fence to protect property waterfront and right-of-way water front.

Motion to adjourn 9:28 PM. J. Chaffee, 2nd F. Gallo. All in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted.



Val Lundin, Recording Secretary

CC: Select Board, Town Clerk, Board of Health, Planning Board, Building Inspector, Highway Department, Zoning Board of Appeals, File and HCC Chairperson