

Holland Conservation Commission
27 Sturbridge Road, Holland MA 01521

Minutes: Holland Conservation Commission (HCC), October 25, 2016.

Members Present: Marcia Beal, Fran Gallo, Val Lundin, Chris McCooe

Members Absent: Jessica Chaffee

Guests Present: Mary Kathleen McKenna, Maria Elena Thompson, Kenneth Ference

Meeting called to order at 6:31PM.

Motion by C. McCooe to waive reading of minutes of October 11, 2016 and accept with corrections: 2nd by F. Gallo
All in favor. Motion passed.

- Public Hearing 8:24 PM for Trentacosta. DEP# should be 184-0235.

Announcements/Correspondence/Emails

- Letter of Resignation from Jeannie Crowley has been received.
- ConCom in agreeance to nominate M. McKenna to the board. M. Beal will submit a letter to the Board of Selectmen with the nomination of M. McKenna to the Conservation Commission.
- CT draw down to begin on (or about) November 1 at 3" per day until 18" is reached per discussion with Union Selectman Andy Goodhall.
- Highway Department requests in writing the requirement for draw down depth at dam. Under the "Practical Guide of Lake Management", it is suggested water level (at the dam) be 2-3 feet deep. The Highway Department will keep the water level down until the end of March (2017). The overall 24" draw down is to help keep wells from going dry.
- Water samples were taken from the lake this past summer (July 11, 2016) for a probabilistic monitoring survey by DEP Watershed Management. Results from this survey (MAP2) are not yet available since samples were taken from other lake locations (per Matthew Reardon-DEP). However, ConCom may contact him in a few months to see if any results from Hamilton Reservoir have been made available. The results would be advantageous if a feasibility study were to be pursued in the future by ConCom.
- Town Secretary is requesting Annual Reports be submitted by February 16, 2017. Reports should include information from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. Please submit as a "Word" file document
- Inquiries were made by BSG Engineering requesting information on 50 E. Brimfield Road and 60 Dug Hill Road concerning if any Hazardous Material reports have been filed. ConCom left a copy with the Board of Health for E. Brimfield Road and the Assessor for Dug Hill-which is owned by the Army Corp of Engineers.
- ConCom received a copy of a letter that was sent to the Highway Department from the Lake Oversight Committee. It stated concerns:
 - Can anything be done concerning about catch basins that discharge directly into the lake – could it be diverted to another area elsewhere.
 - Could catch basins be lined with silt sacks as have been seen in Union CT.
 - What is the "sump" area for water to settle below the invert of the discharge pipe. Unofficial MassDOT standard: 4'.

Order of business:

Old Business:

Order of Conditions were signed for:

- J. Trentacosta, 8 North Leisure Dr.
- D. Shirley, 91 Sandy Beach Rd.
- J. Blanchette, 3 Massaconnic Trail

Walk Ins

7:10 PM

DEP#184-0322.

M. Thibeault: Evolution Landscape.

Representing J. Blanchette, 3 Massaconnic Trail, Map#R07/A/14. DEP#184-0322.

Re: presented an updated drawing showing extended patio and plantings.

- Motion by C. McCooe, 2nd F. Gallo to approve the changes. All in favor. Motion passed.

7:15PM

Brian Zielinski, 50 Stoney Hill Rd. Map#R35/C/4.

Re: add one additional tree removal to the original request for three (3) tree removals. Tree has been marked.

- ConCom to do site visit on October 26, 2016 to view tree.

7:21PM

Brian Johnson-Highway Department and JoAnne Higgins-Principal Assessor

Property owners present: Kenneth Ference and Maria Elena Thompson of Brandon Road.

Re: discussion concerning dredging of Brandon Cove.

It may be possible to request the dredging on an RDA (Request for Determination Applicability). However, there are many legalities that must be covered prior to any possible dredging. Working on private property necessitates a "legal" easement be signed to the property owners whose land would be driven on. The legality of town personnel being used to do the work. Where the dredge materials would be disposed of. Would there be a need to rent additional equipment? Could this dredging be considered a "restoration" project? Final approval must be given by the Board of Selectmen.

- Priority: an "easement" letter must be received from the property owner whose land will be utilized for the project.

7:53PM

Mike Thibeault, Landscape Evolution, representing R. Boire. 8 Shore Lane. Map#R01/A/10.

Re: drawing presented showing extension of existing patio with additional pavers.

- Procedure Sheet signed by M. Beal.

8:03PM

Peggy Candito, 25 Pine Tree Dr., Map#R41/B/13

Re: a) install approximately 12-14 stone steps on inside of property line going down to property edge next to town right-of-way. b) remove dead birch tree leaning over shed.

- Will return to ConCom with a drawing showing location of steeps.
- ConCom to do site visit on October 26, 2016 to view tree.

8:15PM

T. Pineau, 25 Sandy Beach Rd. Map#/R35/G/8. DEP#184-0326.

Re: restack stone wall that is bulging in the middle. Procedure Sheet signed by J. Keogh.

Will return to ConCom with pictures and drawing from contractor.

8:25PM**DEP#184-0322**

M. Farrell, Green Hill Engineering:

Representing H. Cormier, 58 Morse Road, Map#R15/A/13.

Re: to inform ConCom of the approved new single family dwelling by the Building Inspector. It will be erected 200' from the Quinebaug River and will not be in the flood zone. ConCom concurred no wetlands will be affected by this construction.

- Procedure Sheet signed by M. Beal.

8:30PM

M. Thibeault, Landscape Evolution.

Re: representing the Highway Department for plantings for Over The Top Road.

A Vegetation Report was presented showing placement and names of plantings. However, the property owner at #46 Over The Top Road does not wish to have vegetation replaced as included in the original designed plan.

- Plan was accepted by ConCom.

Motion to adjourn 8:45 PM. C. McCooe, 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