

Holland Conservation Commission  
27 Sturbridge Road, Holland MA 01521

Minutes: Holland Conservation Commission, November 22, 2016.

**Members Present:** Marcia Beal, Val Lundin, Jessica Chaffee, Kathy McKenna, Chris McCooe

**Members Absent:** Fran Gallo

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM.

Motion by C. McCooe to waive reading of minutes of November 9, 2016 and accept with correction. 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Chaffee. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Public Hearing 7:00PM:** s/b Zina Gorman, not Ericka Pena.

**Order of business:**

**Correspondence/Emails/Phone Calls:**

- Per email...C. McCooe reported that work has commenced on the Blodgett Farms brook restoration and stabilization authorized under enforcement action by MassDEP to correct wetlands violations.
- The property owner of 11 Williams Lane called requesting information on pruning a tree. J. Chaffee to contact owner for additional information.
- C. McCooe presented a photo taken by a property owner on the south side of Hamilton Reservoir. The photo showed two "ASIAN CLAMS" resting on the lake bottom in front of his home. C. McCooe contacted "Solitude" and it was confirmed (by the photo) these are – in fact – the invasive species of clam. They are brought into Hamilton Reservoir from boats that have been to infected lakes.
- The town will be instituting a new web site soon. An email has been sent to board members with the link to review the site. There will also be training in early December.

**Announcements:**

- Green Hill Engineering submitted a copy of work completed at 8 North Leisure Dr., DEP#184-0325 for the ConCom file.
- M. Beal to continue research to verify if or if not there had been any hazardous waste spills reported at 60 Dug Hill Road and 50 E. Brimfield Road.
- J. Chaffee to contact M. Stinson to verify if a revision had been made and submitted to the Order of Conditions for Over the Top Road, DEP#184-0327, after it was necessary to make changes to the original plan when a leaching field was discovered in the path of construction.
- M. Beal, F. Gallo, and V. Lundin each received certificates for attending the Preventing Discrimination and Harassment seminar.
- Finance Committee will soon begin reviewing the budget for 2017 and be meeting with the committee chairs. M. Beal and J. Chaffee will review the ConCom budget for possible inclusion of separate line items to the budget and discuss them with ConCom prior to meeting with Finance Committee early in February, 2017.
- On November 18, 2016, C. McCooe reviewed the 2000 Conway Report; an in-depth study that had been made by the Division of Watershed Management on the town of Holland. ConCom will review the results during a future meeting, and the possibility that this study might be used towards a lake "Feasibility Study" at some point in time.
- K. McKenna to research any grant programs available that may be beneficial to ConCom.

**Old Business:**

- A site visit was made to review a tree removal request by V. Lundin. V. Lundin will have Procedure Sheet signed by J. Keogh and returned to ConCom.
- V. Lundin completed RDA for the erection of an 8' pressure treated wall around root system of tree at water's edge to prevent further bank erosion and protect from loss of tree.
  - ConCom to complete the RDA with Negative Determination. V. Lundin to appear 12/13/16 at 7:00PM for signed form.

**New Business:**

Re: Daniel Benton, 336 Mashapaug Rd. Map# R06/A/8.

It has been brought to the attention of ConCom that an interlock stone wall has been erected on the lake front within the resource area of this address. No prior Procedure Sheet/permission had been submitted to ConCom prior to the construction of the wall.

- C. McCooe will send a letter to Mr. Benton requesting he submit a Notice of Intent and attend the next ConCom meeting on 12/13/16 at 7:30PM.

**Public Hearing****7:00PM****DEP#184-0323**

Motion to open Public Hearing: J. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> K. McKenna.

Jim Gorman and Zina Gorman, Creative Exteriors, LLC, Vernon, CT

Representing P. Candito, 25 Pine Tree Drive. Map#R41/B/13. DEP#184-0328.

Re: construction of stone steps down property bank leading to waterfront.

- Motion by J. Chaffee to accept plans as presented with work being done during the drawdown. Straw wattles and silt fence to be used to protect waterfront. HCC to prepare, sign, and present Order of Conditions to Creative Exteriors at this meeting. Order to be submitted to the Registry of Deeds with work beginning 10 days after it has been recorded.

Motion to close Public Hearing: 7:15PM: C. McCooe, 2<sup>nd</sup> K. McKenna. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Walk-Ins:****7:30PM**

A. Harhay, 7 Massaconnic Trail. Map# R07/A/12.

Re: Requests removal of approximately 150' of stone riprap that had been part of the previous owner's retaining wall prior to construction of a new concrete wall. Procedure Sheet signed by J. Keogh.

Removal of stones on lake bed will allow access to soft sandy bottom. Machine will be used from property edge to scoop stones which will be disposed of off-site. Land under stones will not be removed during this process.

- Motion by C. McCooe to allow the removal of small rocks out to water line during draw down or to no more than 10 feet. Large rocks to be left against base of existing concrete wall out to one foot. 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. McKenna. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn 8:55PM. J. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> K. McKenna. 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**