

**Holland Conservation Commission  
27 Sturbridge Road, Holland MA 01521**

**Minutes of Conservation Commission held on  
October 23, 2018**

**Members Present:** Chairperson, Andy Harhay; Sam Spratlin; Kathy McKenna; Kaitlin Desmarais; Jessica Chaffee;

**Members Absent:** Marcia Beal; Ginger Buteau, Clerk

**Meeting called to order at 6:38 pm by Andy Harhay**

**Approval of Minutes from 9/25/2018:** Kaitlin made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Andy seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes from 10/9/2018:** Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Kaitlin seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**LOC:** Kaitlin noted that the LOC cannot have alternate members as members need to be voted and sworn in on the LOC to be considered a voting member. Kaitlin will continue as ConCom's representative to LOC.

**Email Correspondence:**

- 10/12/2018: From Don Drysdale with question about property he may be purchasing in Holland. (*Forwarded from Ginger. Andy responded*).
- 10/17/2018; From DEP noting that File # 184-0354 has been assigned to the Town of Holland Highway Department.
- 10/18/2018: From MACC noting that they have Anne Hall as detached from the Holland Conservation Commission.
- 10/18 -10/19/2018: From John Pucci and responses from Andy Harhay regarding John's upcoming Public Hearing on 10/23/2018. Both John and the Contractor are unable to attend the Public Hearing.
- 10/18/2018: From ConCom to Larry Carlson regarding upcoming RDA meeting and site visits.
- 10/23/2018: From DEP noting that File # 184-0355 has been assigned to Michael and Susan Winslow for 40 Williams Road.

**7:00 PM Public Meeting/RDA Laura Pucci/334 Mashapaug Road**

**Project: Removal of one large Oak tree that is dead**

**Meeting opened at 7:08 pm.**

**Persons in attendance:** Chairperson, Andy Harhay; Sam Spratlin; Kathy McKenna; Kaitlin Desmarais; Jessica Chaffee;

**NOTE:** Laura Pucci was unable to attend, but attended the 10/9/2018 meeting and reviewed her request.

**Discussion:** Shared the pictures of dead tree. ConCom agreed that it needs to be removed and mitigated with the planting of **at least** 1 tree or shrub.

**Motion/Decision:** Kathy made a motion to accept RDA for 334 Mashapaug Rd. with a negative determination #3 and the conditions that the stump and roots remain in place and that the tree is mitigated with the planting of one native tree or shrub. Kaitlin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**RDA was completed and signed by ConCom and will be mailed to Laura Pucci by Ginger.**

**7:15 PM Public Hearing: NOI # 184-0353 / FHRA**  
**Lots 73 & 74 Shore Drive Boat Launch /Chris McCooe**  
**Project: Repairs to boat launch area and continuing routine maintenance**

**Persons in attendance:** Chairperson, Andy Harhay; Sam Spratlin; Kathy McKenna; Kaitlin Desmarais; Jessica Chaffee; Chris McCooe; Rick Lundin (Guest/interested party) **NOTE:** Jessica Chaffee recused herself because she is on the board of the FHRA

**Public Hearing opened at 7:20 pm.**

**Discussion:** Chris gave us a copy of the permission from the landowner to sign the NOI. The NOI has been revised to include work done only on Lot #74. No work will be done on Lot #73 and no work will be done in the BVW or the stream. They will be using 2-4 preformed slabs to extend the ramp. The sand from the berm, with stones added, will be used to fill in the large hole. All the work will be done during the drawdown. Discussion occurred about what constitutes a target depth for the drawdown. Best lake management practices indicate that the drawdown be at least a minimum of 24 inches.

**Motion/Decision:** Sam made a motion to accept the NOI#184-0353 with conditions that were drafted and approved at this meeting. Kathy seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Conditions for this project were drafted and the OOC was signed. Paperwork will be completed and filed with the DEP by Ginger and given to Chris McCooe.**

**Fees for the legal ad and mailing abutters' notices were paid by Chris McCooe.**

**7:45 PM: Public Meeting/RDA Larry Carlson / 6 N. Leisure Drive**  
**Project: Repair a timber waterfront wall and add facing**

**Persons in attendance:** Chairperson, Andy Harhay; Sam Spratlin; Kathy McKenna; Kaitlin Desmarais; Jessica Chaffee; Larry Carlson; Matt Boron, contractor.

**Meeting opened at 8:08 pm**

**Discussion:** Ice got under the wall and eroded the ground underneath the wall. The plan is to dig behind the wall add stone and add pressure treated facing 2 x 6 or 2 x 8. The facing will be attached with vertical framing and then horizontal boards using screws. The contractor plans to cap it with a 2 x 12. Andy questioned whether the wood was ecologically safe. Larry brought information on the environmentally safe wood that will be used. A copy of the information was made for the file.

**Motion/Decision:** Kaitlin made a motion to approve the RDA for 6 N. Leisure Drive with a negative determination #3 with the condition that environmentally safe wood is used for the repair. **RDA was signed and will mailed to Larry Carlson.**

**8:00 PM Public Hearing Continuance**  
**NOI 3184-0352/John Pucci/280 Mashapaug.**  
**Project: Tree removal/building of patio area**

**Persons in attendance:** Chairperson, Andy Harhay; Sam Spratlin; Kathy McKenna; Kaitlin Desmarais; Jessica Chaffee. **Note:** Neither John Pucci or his contractor were able to attend this meeting.

**Discussion:** Kaitlin is concerned about the impact on the lake, because he will be removing a very stable, natural bank to create a stairway and a patio. Questions arose about the shrubs that were stabilizing the bank and also the size and actual location of the patio. Sam suggests that we try to meet with John and the contractor on site to review the location of the patio and steps and review the plan in order to make sure that there is minimal impact on the resource area. John had requested that the meeting be continued, if a decision could not be made tonight.

**Motion/Decision:** Kaitlin made a motion to continue this public hearing to a future date. Sam seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**WALK-INS:**

**Ed and Cheri Fisher/10 Julia Ann Drive:** Want to take down five trees. One of the trees has a split in the trunk. Two trees leaning toward the house are a concern. Some of the trees may be dying. A couple of the trees are right on the shore. The trees will be marked by next Monday. They will complete the RDA and give it to ConCom tonight. Cheri prefers to come to the next ConCom meeting at 7:30 pm or later.

**Other Business:**

- Andy asked members to review the Brimfield Road Project which will be on the agenda on Nov. 27.
- Kaitlin addressed lack of sediment barriers at the culvert on Leno Rd. across from the boat ramp. She asked how we approach the situation to assure that the Highway Department follows the NOI conditions with respect to sediment barriers and stabilizing slopes.

**Review Draft of Tree Removal Policy:** Kaitlin will send her revised version as a PDF.

**Adjournment:** Sam made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kaitlin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.**

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy McKenna, Conservation Secretary