

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

Minutes of Conservation Commission held on July 24, 2018

In Attendance:

Members Present: Andy Harhay, Marcia Beal, Anne Hall, Jessica Chaffee [who joined @6:42] Kaitlin Desmarais and Sam Spratlin.

Commission Clerk: Ginger Buteau

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Andy Harhay.

Read and approve minutes: Minutes of 7/10/18; Sam moved to approve the minutes, however no vote was taken due to lack of quorum of commissioners present from that meeting.

Email Correspondence: See attached listing

Phone Calls/Messages: No discussion of phone messages

Order of Business:

Andy announced that Larry Mandell will not be attending the meeting, and a brief discussion ensued regarding a dead tree removal policy.

COC for 162 East Brimfield Rd - NOI# 184-161- dating from 10/10/03 regarding installation of a septic system and removal of a well cap from an old non functioning well. Motion to approve by Kathy McKenna, and seconded by Kaitlin Desmarais. Motion was approved by all Commissioners except for Anne Hall who abstained.

COC Brown Rd Bk 5865; Pg 316 COC dating from 1985 regarding completed well installation. A Motion to approve by Jessica Chaffee was seconded by Kaitlin Desmarais. Motion was approved by all commissioners except for Anne Hall who abstained.

COC for 2 Collette Dr. NOI # 184-0345 dated 4/24/2018. Well satisfactorily completed. Motion to approve by Jessica Chaffee, and seconded by Sam Spratlin. Motion approved by all commissioners except for Anne Hall who abstained.

RDA for 23 Shore Dr. Installation of a six foot high cedar stockade fence long the property line bordering 21 Shore Dr. Fence will begin near the lakefront and extend 40 feet toward the dwelling. Discussion was held about installing fence properly and not

allowing soil run off into the lake. A motion to approve as a ND-3 by Kathy McKenna was seconded by Sam Spratlin. All commissioners approved.

Anne Hall requested the Conservation Commission adopt a fence policy. Andy noted that DEP exempts fencing regulations within a buffer / resource area provided the fence does not constitute a barrier to wildlife movement. After a brief discussion the commission did not move to adopt a fence policy at this time.

18 Knollwood Dr. WPA form 9; The Conservation Commission received a complaint from a resident on Collette Dr. about construction activity regarding a septic field being installed at 18 Knollwood Dr., which is located uphill from their property on Collette Dr. Andy Harhay and Anne Hall issued an enforcement order to the property owner of 18 Knollwood to prevent soil erosion and silting into the lake by installing hay bales and /or silt fence where necessary. Soil from the construction site had been flowing downhill onto the resident's property on Collette Dr. toward the lake. The property owner has complied with the enforcement order.

20 Old Acres Rd The property owner of this address requested permission to installation a chain link along the property line bordering 6 Old Acres Rd. The neighbors are reported to be encroaching on the applicant's property. The owner is having the land surveyed and plans to install a 4'x 150' chain link fence along that property line. All posts will be placed with a pneumatic fence post driver. A motion to approve a ND-3 by Jessica Chaffee was seconded by Sam Spratlin. All commissioners approved to approve except for Anne Hall who opposed. Anne wanted to require the landowner to raise the fence above the ground to permit wild life movement across the property.

5 Castonguay Lane Dave Buccelli requested permission to remove a maple tree next to the house at this address as the roots are growing into the foundation of the structure. Permission was granted provided the property owner plant a small native tree that will a mature growth of about 15 high, as well as two native shrubs of his choice. Move to approve as a ND-3 by Jessica Chaffee, seconded by Kathy McKenna. All commissioners approved.

18 Collette Rd Lane Dave Buccelli requested permission to remove two dead trees near the lake at this lot as they could be dangerous. This parcel is used as a right away to the lake. Permission was granted provided the property owner plant two native shrubs of his choice. A motion to approve as a ND-3 by Jessica Chaffee, was seconded by Kaitlin Desmarais. All commissioners approved.

16 Collette Rd Dave Buccelli requested permission to remove one tree near the house at this address that has as a cavity and felt to be dangerous, and two other trees that are close to this residence as well as the neighboring one. The roots of these trees are growing under the driveway and these trees were also felt to dangerous. Permission was

granted provided the property owner plant two small native tree that will a mature growth of about 15 high, as well as two native shrubs of his choice and put up two birdboxes. A motion to approve by Jessica Chaffee, was seconded by Kaitlin Desmarais. All commissioners approved.

1 Leno Road A continuation of a public hearing for the construction of a two bedroom single family home with a septic system and a water well. Presentations were made by Frank Bicchibri of Bertin Engineering, Glenn Krevosky of EBT Consultants and the principals of Soper Construction. These Engineering plans previously presented were updated and corrected to accurately reflect surveyed wetland areas on the parcel. These updated plans show that the septic field is now less than 50 feet from the wetlands. The Board of Health has apparently approved the updated plans via a variance. These updated plans will be forwarded to Mark Stinson Mass DEP for his review. This hearing will be continued at the next commission meeting on August 14. A motion to continue the meeting was made by Anne Hall and seconded by Jessica Chaffee. All commissioners were in approval.

Election of Officers

After a spirited and somewhat contentious discussion, Andy Harhay and Marcia Beal were re-elected as Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission. Sam Spratlin and Kathy McKenna have agreed to share the Secretary's duties. Marcia, as part of her duties as Vice Chair will act as a coordinator to oversee that the site visits are conducted in an efficient manner.

A discussion was held in which the commission brainstormed some ideas they thought could streamline the paper trail involved in putting together the agendas with the backup documents necessary to conduct our meetings . Jessica and Kaitlin offered to look into possible ways this information could be digitized and relieve Andy of some the burden of collecting and/or collating the packages of information he puts together for each meeting. All acknowledged that Andy was putting in exceptional hours to put these packages together and respond to phone calls from town residents. Ann believes that the Town should hire a part time agent at the direction of the Commission to do inspections and/or have more of Ginger's time available to answer phone calls and direct questions to a commissioner for follow up. All Commissioners present agreed to address these issues at a future meeting.

Motion made by Ann Hall to adjourn this meeting. Kathy McKenna seconded; all in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Minutes respectively submitted,

Sam Spratlin, Acting Secretary

