

Holland Conservation Commission

Minutes of the August 28, 2018 Meeting

Members present – Chairperson Andrew Harhay, Marcia Beal, Kaitlin Desmarias, Samuel Spratlin, and Jessica Chaffee by remote call-in.

Absent – Anne Hall, Kathleen McKenna

Clerk – Ginger Buteau

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 by Chairperson Andrew Harhay.

6:10 PM – Brian Johnson of the Holland Highway Department presented plans for the culverts to be installed under Over The Top Road. The DEP representative had visited the site and approved the culvert sizes of 12 to 15 inches and 15 to 24 inches to spread the water flow and allow animal migration. Abutters attending the meeting were Ronald Scheyd, Thomas Cebula, Kristine Scheyd, Marc Rondeau, and Michael Lyons. The abutter's concern was the flow of water from the road. Brian assured them that the water would not cross the road and that this project should alleviate their concerns. Brian said he would meet with the property owners separately after the hearing.

Kaitlin Desmarias made a motion to accept the NOI and Samuel Spratlin seconded the motion. Kaitlin suggested requesting more information about culverts from the DEP. The motion was passed unanimously.

7:09 PM – Hearing for the Steven Sopher property

Attending the hearing were Steven Sopher, lawyer Donald O'Neil, Glenn Krevosky and Frank Bicchieri of Bertin Engineering.

The Conservation Commission was concerned because the changes in BVW distance were different from those in the original survey proposal. We were advised that the Holland Board of Health has the jurisdiction to approve variance proposals for the septic system and that in this case it was approved by the Board of Health, as per their letter dated August 28, 2018; Subject - Leno Road Lot 1, Parcel 3-B-46.1. (attached). The distance between the primary leach field and the wetlands is reduced and the reserve field is eliminated, because the reserve field would be within 35 feet of the wetlands. It is agreed that a condition will be added to the property deed, that any future leach field problems have to be addressed with that primary field because a reserve field is not allowed. This will be part of the deed restriction as well as the number of bedrooms allowed. The septic design is unchanged.

A motion was made by Sam Spratlin to accept the proposal with the deed restrictions. Jessica Chaffee seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

7:30 PM – RDA Public Meeting for Lynn and Keith Elmy of 13 Vinton Lane. They plan to add a second floor to their existing house. They will also move an existing porch ten feet to tie in with the roof line. The porch is on the side of the house away from the lake on a level area. Straw wattles will be placed between the house and the lake. Silt fencing will be on the back of the house away from the lake. Flooring supports will be installed with handpole diggers. No heavy equipment will be used outside the sediment barrier. Grass will be seeded as soon as possible.

7:45 PM – Chris McCooe representing the Hamilton Reservoir Association, said the Association attempted to develop a permanent boat launch on the south lake. Building Inspector Jack Keough said he felt it had not been used as a boat launch consecutively for two years or more. All 35 abutters have signed affidavits verifying its use.

8:00 PM – Andrew Harhay needed a pink slip signed for a previously approved NOI. Marcia Beal approved and signed the pink slip.

8:10 – John Rehm of 36 Williams Road submitted an RDA for a tree removal between 34 and 36 Williams Road. Since he was unable to attend the meeting he was represented by his neighbor Richard Burnham of 34 Williams Road. Richard Burnham also wishes to remove another tree on his own property and this will become part of an NOI for a teardown and rebuild to be scheduled on a future date. Kaitlin Desmarais recommended replacement planting after the tree removal. Andrew Harhay, Samuel Spratlin and Marcia Beal will perform site visits.

8:30 - Dave Buccelli submitted RDA's to remove trees on four properties. The request included 2 pines at 27 Lee Avenue, 1 tree at 29 Lee Avenue, 9 pines at 31 Lee Avenue, and one tree near the driveway and one at the river bank at 79 Sturbridge Road. Andrew Harhay, Samuel Spratlin and Marcia Beal will do site visits.

8:45 – The minutes for August 14 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kaitlin Desmarais and seconded by Jessica Chaffee. All approved.

9:00 – Kaitlin Desmarais made a motion to close the meeting. Samuel Spratlin seconded, and the meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Beal
Vice Chair and acting Secretary

Attachment: BOH Variance for Sopher construction.

