

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

**Minutes of Conservation Commission held on  
November 13, 2018**

**Members Present:** Chairperson, Andy Harhay; Kathy McKenna; Kaitlin Desmarais; Jessica Chaffee; Marcia Beal; Clerk—Ginger Buteau

**Members Absent:** Sam Spratlin

**Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm by Andy Harhay**

**Approval of Minutes from 10/23/2018:** Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Andy seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Review of New Policy for the Removal of Damaged Trees:** Added some wording to Kate's draft, and discussed required versus suggested mitigation.

**Email Correspondence:**

- 11/13/2018: Andy sent a second email to Jeff of Swift River Tree Service asking for the location of the tree in Hamilton Reservoir. Jeff responded with pictures and said the tree is in the waterfront by 22 Old Acres Road
- 11/7/2018: Email from Christine Griffin noting that the book and page # were inadvertently missing from the OOC for Lot 73 & 74 Shore Drive and this is needed to record the OOC. She asked if she could insert Book 22425, Page 474 in the appropriate place on the OOC. Ginger responded and said it was OK to write it in and it will need to be written in the back-up copy as well.
- 11/6/2018: From Jeff of Swift River Tree Service forwarded to Concom from Chris McCooe wanting to know if they can remove part or all of a tree that had fallen into the lake. Andy responded to Jeff and asked for the location of the tree so Concom can make a site visit.
- 11/5/2018: From Glen Krevosky with the weekly report for 1 Leno Road dated 11/3//2018.
- 11/4/2018: From Andy Harhay with names of Wetland Consultants that should be able to determine whether wetlands exist on the property. The parcel is being considered by a prospective buyer.
- 11/1/2018: From Andy Harhay noting that Holland Concom had been subpoenaed to produce all documents that we have related to a Civil Law Suit—Kyle Merolla vs. Keith Bazinet. (*Kathy followed up by copying minutes, and file information for Andy.*)
- 11/2/2018: From Laurie Bartkus with details on the Conservation and Wetlands Revolving Accounts.
- 11/1/2018: Mass Wildlife Monthly
- 10/31/2018: Pioneer Valley Progress Report
- 10/30/2018: From DEP with Confirmation of WPA form #5 OOC for NOI 3 184-0353 (Lot 73 and 74—South basin boat launch).
- 10/29/2018: From Laurie Bartkus with attached expenditure report through Warrant #17.

**7:00 PM Public Meeting/RDA Edward & Cheri Fisher/10 Julia Ann Drive**

**Project: Removal of 6 dead trees**

**Persons in attendance:** Chairperson, Andy Harhay; Kathy McKenna; Kaitlin Desmarais; Jessica Chaffee; Marcia Beal; Ed Fisher; Cheri Fisher

**Meeting opened at 7:02 pm.**

**Discussion:** Shared pictures of the trees that are to be removed. They are in a wooded area. Thinning the trees may help improve the other trees in the area. Mitigation will be done near the water. They intend to plant a dogwood and 2 shrubs (mountain laurel and/or other native shrubs); and will install a bird box.

**Motion/Decision:** Jessica made a motion to approve the RDA with negative determination #3 with the conditions that the trees are mitigated with one dogwood and 2 native shrubs and a bird box to be installed. Andy seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

- **Cheri paid the fee for the legal notice.**
- **RDA was completed and signed by ConCom and given to the Fishers after the meeting**

**7:30 PM Public Hearing: NOI # 184-0355/ Michael & Susan Winslow/40 Williams Rd.**

**Project: Repair existing foundation by installing concrete piers/**

**Repair and stabilize existing timber lakeshore breakwall**

**Persons in attendance:** Chairperson, Andy Harhay; Kathy McKenna; Kaitlin Desmarais; Jessica Chaffee; Marcia Beal; Matt Winslow; Jeff Jones, neighbor (38 Williams Rd.); Mike Thibeault (Landscape/wall repair); Stephen Soper (foundation contractor).

**Public Hearing opened at 7:35 pm**

**Discussion:**

- **Foundation:** The foundation will be done by hand, and the excavated soil and debris will be trucked off site and not stored on the property. The plan is to remove approximately 16 piers and install 16 soni-tubes to support the house. The house will not be raised. Digging will be done by hand. Briefly discussed the “ownership” of the catch basin on the road side of the property. Mike Winslow will talk to Brian Johnson about the catch basin and concerns about stormwater water run-off coming from other properties.
- **Wall Repair:** Mike Thibeault of Landscape Evolution will be doing the wall repair. He does not recommend re-using any of the timbers and plans to improve drainage using stones. He will use eco-friendly timber and provide Concom with a copy of the sticker information. A turbidity curtain will be used if the water remains near the wall. During a normal drawdown of 24 inches there would be about 15 feet of land, but currently the lake is up quite high due to the rains. Mike plans to use a loader-backhoe between the house and the water. He will protect the resource area with silt fence and straw wattles. Dirt and/or debris from the old wall will be trucked off site shortly after removal, so that nothing will need to be stored on site. After the wall is completed the straw wattles can be moved to the top of the wall until the land is stabilized and the foundation work completed. Mike Thibeault was asked about using vegetative geogrids. He felt that this was not a good location for them due to the run-off from the hill, the road, and the amount of wave action at

that portion of the lake. Jeff Jones wants to repair his wall at the same time since the walls are currently connected.

- Based on the discussion regarding the stormwater run-off and the fact that Jeff Jones will be submitting an NOI so that the wall repairs can be done at the same time, Mike Winslow requested a continuance. Concom members will draft some conditions that can be reviewed at the next meeting in order to expedite the approval process.

**Motion/Decision:** Jessica made a motion to continue this Public Hearing for NOI #184-0355 to the next meeting. Kaitlin seconded. All in favor, motion passed

**8:00 PM: Public Meeting/RDA Maryanne Schwartz/59 Sandy Beach Road**

**Project: Remove 5 dead/damaged trees due to gypsy caterpillar infestation**

**Persons in attendance:** Chairperson, Andy Harhay; Kathy McKenna; Kaitlin Desmarais; Jessica Chaffee; Marcia Beal; Maryanne Schwartz;

**Meeting opened at 8:26 pm**

**Discussion:** She wants to remove 5 dead trees. There are lots of other trees on the property—saplings and brush and other trees that will be improved with the removal of the dead trees. She feels that the trees are dangerous.

**Motion/Decision:** Jessica made a motion to approve the removal of the dead trees with the condition that the stumps and roots remain in place. Kaitlin seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

- Maryanne Schwartz paid the fee for the public notice. .
- RDA was completed and signed by ConCom and given to applicant.

**8:15 PM Public Hearing Continuance**

**NOI 3184-0352/John Pucci/280 Mashapaug.**

**Project: Remove 19 dead trees/construct 1-2 retaining walls and a patio area/place flat stones on existing rip-rap lakeshore break wall to create 2-3 safe steps to the water.**

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

**Public Hearing opened at 8:46 pm**

**Discussion:** Discussed and finalized OOC's for this project.

**Motion/Decision:** Kaitlin made a motion to approve the NOI with conditions that were drafted at this meeting. Marcia seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**Public Hearing adjourned at 9:30 pm**

**Other Business/Roundtable:**

- Talked about paying to gain access eMACC Handbook. Andy will look into getting one subscription that can be accessed by commissioners.
- Andy received a cutting plan from DCR for Walker and Barney Road with minor updates.
- Andy updated the members on the current balances in the five ConCom accounts.
- Concerns were raised about work being done at 17 Roberts Park Road (NOI# 184-0342/ Cleo Guillette) that is not on the NOI plan. There was a meeting with the BOH regarding

the change of location for a well. Jessica will talk with Mark Stinson regarding Concom's concerns and our jurisdiction.

- Kaitlin will try to obtain information from MACC about what other Massachusetts Conservation Commissions are doing with regard to limiting petroleum products in motorized equipment that is being used near resource areas.
- Based on a neighbor's concern, Andy and Jessica made a site visit to 35 Heritage Drive to check on building construction apparently being performed near a stream at the rear of the property. An Enforcement Order was given to a renter (Salvatore) and one sent via certified mail to Mark Hammond, the owner of 35 Heritage Drive regarding work being done without permits in a wetland area. No additional work is to be performed until the owner requests and receives the proper permits from ConCom and the Building Inspector.

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

**Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.**

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy McKenna, Conservation Secretary