

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

Minutes of Conservation Commission held on

December 11, 2018

Members Present: Chairperson, Andy Harhay; Kathy McKenna; Marcia Beal; Jessica Chaffee

Members Absent: Kaitlin Desmarais; Sam Spratlin; Clerk—Ginger Buteau (Note – Ginger is serving as the interim Town Clerk and will not be able to be present at Tuesday evening ConCom meetings until July.)

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm by Andy Harhay

Approval of Minutes from 11/27/2018: Jessica made a motion to table the approval of the minutes until the next meeting (1/8/2018), as a quorum from that meeting was not present.

Email Correspondence:

- 11/27/2018: From MACC noting that some members have been receiving fake invoices via email. The fake emails are PHISHING for a reply. MACC does not usually send invoices via email and they give a telephone number to report any emailed invoices that have been received.
- 11/29/2018: Andy responded to a report from Glenn Krevosky regarding stormwater/sediment concerns originating at 15 Kimball Hill Road. Andy met with the homeowner who will install sediment barriers along the down-slope to the fence. Situation should be monitored.
- 12/3/2018: From MACC with an electronic copy of the Fall Quarterly Magazine
- 12/3/2018: From Laurie Bartkus with the Expenditure Report attached.
- 12/4/2018: Email from Andy to Cleo Guillette with an Enforcement Order related to the OOC for NOI#184-0342. All work is to stop except for what is necessary to correct the violation deficiencies identified in the Enforcement Order.
- 12/4/2018: Email indicating we need to sign up to receive updates on Mass Trails Grants.
- 12/5/2018: To Cleo Guillette from Andy Harhay reminding him that the OOC for his project need to be sent to the Registry of Deeds. Andy attached a copy of the OOC to the email.
- 12/5/2018: From Mark Stinson with attached work descriptions for 38 & 40 Williams Road that were sent to Mark by Mike Thibeault, Landscape Evolution.
- 12/5/2018: Chris McCooe forwarded an email from Cheri Fisher with questions regarding tree removal. (*Kathy responded to Chris and told her we have already met with the Fishers and were aware of their tree removal project*).
- 12/6/2018: Andy responded to Janine Drake regarding a pending problem she noted on Union/Lake Road. The area is not within ConComs jurisdiction. Andy suggested that Highway might be able to look at the area.

- 12/7/2018: To ConCom from various Town of Holland departments noting new email address changes.
- 12/8/2018: From Christopher Bodensieck requesting that ConCom determine if there are wetlands on the Butterworth Road property he hopes to sell to a builder. (*Andy responded that Mr. Bodensieck should hire a wetland consultant to make that determination prior to listing the property.*)
- 12/11/2018: From Andy Harhay to Mark Stinson asking for input on the draft OOCs for the DOT/Holland Highway NOI

Tree Removal Application: Jessica made a motion to approve the Tree Removal Application with minor changes—adding the ConCom email address and grammar adjustments. Andy seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Review Enforcement Orders: Andy reviewed the Enforcement Order given to Cleo Guillet, 17 Roberts Park Road.

7:00 PM RDA Public Meeting: Paul Huijing, 22 Old Acres Road
Project: Removing Fallen tree in lake

Persons in Attendance: Chairperson, Andy Harhay; Kathy McKenna; Marcia Beal; Jessica Chaffee; Paul Huijing, applicant; Christine Martin, applicant; Paul Hamel, Neighbor/24 Old Acres Rd.

Public Meeting Opened at 7:04 pm

Discussion: The applicant showed a picture of the pine tree that had fallen into the lake a number of years prior to him purchasing the property and an oak tree that is leaning towards the lake/dock and pulling up the bank; the oak tree is marked. He hopes to have both the pine and the oak removed in the middle of January. His chain saw will use organic vegetable oil as the lubricant. Once the lake thaws they will wench the rest of the tree up the hill. Discussed whether there might be a way to stabilize the under-cut bank near the oak, in order to prevent further erosion. Paul is concerned that the oak tree presents a danger and could fall onto his dock or a person. The neighbors on the other side wrote a letter in support for the removal of the trees. Paul Huijing left pictures of both trees with ConCom.

Motion/Decision: Jessica and Marcia will make a site visit on Friday 12/14/18. The tree has been marked with pink flagging tape. RDA paperwork and conditions to be drafted at the next meeting and mailed to Paul Huijing.

7:15 PM Public Hearing NOI #184-0356: Jeff Jones 38 Williams Road
Project: Replace timber breakwall

Persons in Attendance: Chairperson, Andy Harhay; Kathy McKenna; Marcia Beal; Jessica Chaffee; Jeff Jones, applicant; Mike Winslow, neighbor; Mike Thibeault, Landscape Evolution.

Public Hearing Opened at 7:25 pm

Discussion: Requested approval to replace the timber breakwall along the waterfront. The wall will be replaced with a similar 6" X 6" timber wall using eco friendly timbers. Paper-

work with information on the wood was given to the HCC. A loader will be used to remove the old wall and bring in the new timbers. The work will be done during drawdown with silt fence and straw wattles to contain any sediment. Straw wattles will need to be removed prior to the lake level returns to normal. This wall is interconnected with Mike Winslow's and the same contractor will be repairing both walls at the same time.

Motion/Decision: Marcia makes a motion to accept the NOI for the break wall. Jessica seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Hearing was closed at 7:30 pm.

- A draft Form 5/OOC was reviewed and 2 items were added to the draft.
- Kathy made a motion to approve the OOC as amended. Andy seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

7:30 PM Public Hearing Continued NOI #184-0355:

Mike and Susan Winslow, 36 Williams Rd.

Project: Replace house support pillars and timber break wall

Persons in Attendance: Chairperson, Andy Harhay; Kathy McKenna; Marcia Beal; Jessica Chaffee; Jeff Jones, neighbor; Mike Winslow, applicant; Mike Thibeault, Landscape Evolution.

Public Hearing Opened at 7:34 pm

Discussion:

- **Replace timber break wall:** NOTE—This wall is to be built at the same time, by the same contractor as the wall for Jeff Jones, as they are interconnected. The same materials will be used for Mike Winslow's wall. Mike Thibeault said the walls will touch, but there will be returns called deadmen. If the walls need to be repaired at different times in the future, the walls won't be interlocked and work can be done separately. Mike Winslow was asked to consider some plantings to enhance the waterfront area. The work will be done during drawdown with silt fence and straw wattles to contain any sediment. Straw wattles will need to be removed prior to the lake level returning to normal.
- **Replace House Support Pillars:** The house is about 30 feet from the lake. The whole house is on concrete piers (see minutes from 11/13/2018) and most have deteriorated. Digging holes for new piers will be done by hand, and the excavated soil and debris will be trucked off site and not stored on the property. The house will not be raised. There was discussion about potential sediment controls, but decided that it was not necessary in this instance, as the work is being performed under the house.

Motion/Decision: Kathy made a motion to accept Mike Winslow's NOI for the wall repair and the foundation. Marcia seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Hearing closed at 8:07 pm.

- A draft Form 5/OOC was reviewed and 2 items were added to the wall repair.
- Kathy made a motion to approve the draft OOC with the additional conditions for the wall repair. Andy seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

NOTE: Mike Thibeault's wife will pick up the OOC for 36 and 38 Williams Road (Jones and Winslow) and file them with the Registry of Deeds.

Develop OOC for NOI #184-0354—Mass DOT/Holland Highway Department
Project: Brimfield Road Reclamation & Related Work

- Reviewed draft OOC for the project. Additional conditions suggested and added to the draft OOC.
- Kathy made a motion to approve the draft OOC with the additional conditions. Andy seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

WALK-INS:

Dan Strum of Strum's Construction Service representing Carol Burnham, 34 Williams Road: Project—tear down existing house and build a new house on the property; 2 trees next to the current structure will need to be removed. It was suggested that the tree removal can be added to the NOI for the new house construction rather than submit a separate RDA. Dan had completed paperwork for the NOI and he added the tree removal. Ginger will need to submit the NOI so that this project can be placed on the agenda for January 8, 2019.

Other Business:

Marcia said that she can be ConCom's representative to the Open Space Committee; the members concurred.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Jessica to adjourn the meeting. Marcia seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy McKenna, Conservation Secretary