

Holland Conservation Commission
27 Sturbridge Road, Holland MA 01521
Minutes of Conservation Commission held on March 26, 2019

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

Members Absent: Kaitlin Laabs

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by Andy Harhay, Chair

Approval of Minutes from 3/12/2019: Sam made a motion to approve. Jessica seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Email Correspondence:

- 3/20/2019: From Glenn Krevosky with Compliance Report for 1 Leno Road.
- 3/19/2019: From JoAnne Higgins with copy of Culvert Replacement Grant that was submitted
- 3/18 & 3/25/2019: From Laurie Bartkus with Expenditure Reports
- 3/20/2019: From MACC with caution about more phishing attempts
- 3/20-3/22/2019: From Kevin Palmer with question about a DEP Violation. Andy responded and invited him to attend the 3/26/19 ConCom Meeting.
- 3/24 & 3/25/2019: Response from Tim Hill regarding Andy's question about cement pillars.
- 3/26/2019: From Joy Duperault regarding upcoming training for Floodplain Management in Springfield, MA
- 3/26/2019: Andy's response to Chris Bodensieck regarding Continuation of Public Hearing—scheduled for April 9, 2019 at 7 pm. Andy asked that Greenhill Engineering respond to Mark Stinson's questions and noted that a ConCom site visit also raised a concern about the wetlands.
- 3/26/2019: Joy Duperault sent information regarding trainings for webinars on Floodplain Management.

Phone Messages: No new messages.

Other Business /Roundtable

Review/ Finalize OOC for NOI #184-0360/Richard Dusza/15 Massaconnic Trail/ Jalbert Engineering: Reviewed Kaitlin's draft and made a couple of revisions. Leonard Jalbert stopped by the meeting and agreed to and signed the OOC to indicate he has been made aware of the OOC.

Motion: Jessica made a motion to accept NOI #184-0360 with the conditions agreed to at this meeting. Andy seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. NOI #184-0360 will be submitted to the DEP and mailed to Richard Dusza.

Feedback on LOC and Open Space activities (Kate and Marcia): Kaitlin was not present to provide information on LOC activities. Marcia indicated that the Open Space Committee would set up material at the Opacum pancake breakfast to publicize the committee.

Culvert Replacement Grant Application: Andy submitted a ConCom letter in support and JoAnne Higgins completed the grant application. A copy of the application was sent to the ConCom email.

Discuss raft at 23 Island Road in conjunction with bylaws: According to Tim Hill of #23 Island Road, the raft belongs to Dan Braskie of 21 Island Road. With permission, it has been tied to the break wall at #23 in the winter during the drawdown for several years. Andy noted that docks need to be removed from the lake after October 30. According to Jessica there are a few permanent docks that are grandfathered. The cement pillars that were seen in the road are supports for a deck on the Hill house at #23 Island Road. According to Tim Hill, he has a permit from Jack to use the supports to stabilize the deck, but he apparently was not instructed to come to Conservation for approval. Andy will confer with Jack, as perhaps there is no digging involved for the installation.

Tree Removal Applications: No new submittals

Other Business:

- Andy contacted Kyle Gregoire and he will plan to attend a ConCom meeting in May.
- Clean-up day for Holland on April 13, 2019.
- Sam will take the minutes of the meeting on 4/23/2019. Jessica will miss the meeting on 4/23/2019.
- Kathy and Sam will miss the meeting on 5/14/2019. Someone will need to take the minutes of the 5/14/2019 meeting in Kathy's absence.

Walk-ins:

- **Leonard Jalbert:** He had questions relative to a planned tight tank installation on 8 Shore Lane. He would like to meet with ConCom. He will file an NOI and plans to do the public notice as well as abutters' notices.
- **James Blanchette/3 Massaconnic Trail/NOI #184-0337:** Proposed rebuild on house with a new well. The well has been completed. The pink sheet needs to be amended by Jack Keough to add the intent to rebuild. Jim Blanchette wanted a sign off for the well. Jim will go to ZBA for approval and then will need to come back to Conservation with an updated, revised plan and Conservation will need to amend the OOC.
- **Kevin Palmer 6 Old Acres Road:** He showed pictures showing a chain link fence that his neighbor had installed along the property line, cutting off the Palmer family's ability to easily access the lake. Kevin thought that it may be a DEP Violation because it is a possible disruption to wildlife migration. He also noted there is a small area of land near the lake on his neighbor's side of the fence where the ownership is contested. Andy indicated that this looks to be a civil issue. Jessica suggested that Kevin have a Title search done to determine exact boundary of his property. Kevin asked about the permitting for the fence that was installed.

His neighbor, Doug Columb came in July 2018 and completed an RDA for a 4' high, 150' long fence installation. ConCom approved this RDA. Andy had spoken with the DEP to see if there were any clear guidelines regarding the issue of wildlife migration. DEP typically looks at Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program for guidance, which sometimes suggests that there be a 6" gap under the fencing. ConCom members felt that it was not a disruption to endangered wildlife migration so there was no reason not to approve the fence.

Adjournment:

- **Sam made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jessica seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**
- **Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.**

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy McKenna, Conservation Secretary