

**Holland Conservation Commission**  
**27 Sturbridge Road, Holland MA 01521**  
**Minutes of Conservation Commission held on September 10, 2019**

**Members Present:** Chairperson, Andy Harhay; Kathy McKenna; Sam Spratlin; Marcia Beal; Jessica Chaffee; Dawn Kamay; **Clerk:** Ginger Buteau **Guests:** Travis and Margaret Koske; Jeff Frohn **Members Absent:** Kaitlin Laabs

**Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Andy Harhay, Chair.**

**Approval of Minutes from 8/27/2019: Dawn made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected; Sam seconded. All in favor; motion passed.**

**Email Correspondence:**

- 9/6/2019: From Lori McCool/31 Lee Ave. regarding installation of a tight tank. (*Andy's reply that the commissioners would like to get a sense of the project prior to determining whether a NOI or RDA will be required.*)
- 9/5/2019: From Ed Hood trying to arrange a time to pick up the letter of support for the Forest Legacy Project.
- 9/4/2019: From Andrew Milne (on behalf of Anthony Lauzon of 42 Over the Top Road) wants to remove a dying red oak that is approximately 30 feet from the water. (*Kathy McKenna responded via email and sent a copy of the Tree Removal Application*).
- 9/4/2019: From Andy Harhay to Creative Exteriors regarding the wall rebuild project/NOI #184-0365. Due to the removal of a significant amount of vegetation, Andy suggested that they give some thought as to what to plantings on the lakeside would be both attractive and beneficial to the environment prior to the hearing scheduled for 9/10/2019.
- 9/4/2019: From Andy Harhay to Jackie Haley regarding NOI #184-0366 and the need to consider plantings adjacent to the wall or elsewhere that will benefit the environment.
- 8/30/2019: From Joey Wigglesworth informing us that registration is now open for MACC's 2019 Fall Conference.
- 8/30/2019: From Laurie Bartkus with the expenditure report attached.
- 9/2/2019: From Holland Town Administrator noting that the Select Board had voted to appoint Dawn Kamay to the Conservation Commission.

**Phone Messages:** From Travis and Margaret Koske regarding removal of trees.

**Forest Legacy Project Letter of Support:** Ed Hood picked up the letter. No other information to date.

**MACC Fall Conference 10/19/2019:** Registration is open and the conference is being held at Devens Common Center, Devens, MA.

**Review of site visits made since last meeting:**

33 Island Road and 23 Shore Drive— these will be discussed during tonight's public hearings.

**Tree Removal Applications:**

- 42 Over the Top—Tree Removal 1 dead tree.
- 360 Mashapaug Road/ Doug Frechett represented by DB Tree. Removal of 3 trees.
- 19 Leisure Drive/Travis and Margaret Koske.

**Plan site visits needed prior to next meeting:** Jessica will coordinate the visits.

- 42 Over the Top—Tree Removal 1 dead tree.
- 360 Mashapaug Road/ Doug Frechett represented by DB Tree. Removal of 3 trees.
- 19 Leisure Drive/Travis and Margaret Koske—4 dead trees.

**COC Approval:**

- 326 Mashapaug Road— Septic and well completed. Andy made a site visit on 9/10/2019 and all was in order. Sam moved to approve the issuing of a COC for 326 Mashapaug Road. Jessica seconded, all in favor; motion approved.

**7:00 PM—Public Hearing NOI #184-0366****33 Island Road/ Jacqueline & Scott Haley****Project: To replace existing, deteriorating block wall with with a new interlocking block Wall****Public Meeting Opened at 7:08 pm**

**Persons in attendance:** Chairperson, Andy Harhay; Kathy McKenna; Sam Spratlin; Marcia Beal; Jessica Chaffee; Dawn Kamay; Jacqueline Haley, Applicant **Clerk:** Ginger Buteau  
**Guests:** Travis and Margaret Koske; Jeff Frohn

- **Discussion:** They want to repair the wall so that it is not leaning into the lake. The wall is leaning because of the run-off from the hill behind the house. They will wait for the lake to be lowered. The current wall is lock blocks with a flat cap. A trench will be dug behind the wall and fabric will be placed behind it. There is a geo-grid behind the wall to reinforce the land. Jessica suggested a layer of rip-rap rocks to be placed on the top of the smaller 3/4 inch stone on the bottom, with an 18" width probably sufficient. Jessica suggested a couple of plantings to attract birds or pollinators perhaps on the corner of their lot. The recording of the OOC at the Registry was explained to Jacqueline Haley. The project will need to be done during the drawdown.
- Kathy made a motion to close the public hearing. Jessica seconded. All in favor; motion passed.
- Public Hearing closed at 7:22 pm.
- **Drafted OOC**
- **Motion:** Jessica made a motion to accept the OOC as drafted for NOI #184-0366. Sam seconded. All in favor; motion passed.
- **Decision:** OOC was signed and Ginger will email the Haley's when to pick up the OOC. She will remind them to provide payment for the abutters' notices and the public notice for the hearing.

**7:30 PM—Public Hearing NOI #184-0365**

**23 Shore Drive/Creative Exteriors**

**Project: To build retaining walls and terrace yard on lakeside**

**\*\*No Applicant Representative Showed up to the meeting. Andy will contact them regarding the next step**

**Walk-Ins**

- **Ed and Patty Fellows/31 Lee Avenue:** They are looking to upgrade and modernize. They submitted a request to the BOH for approval to install a tight tank. Lorri McCool did a site plan for them, and they shared it with HCC. They wanted to know the ConCom process that needed to be filed for consideration and what we want in order to obtain approvals. The NOI process was explained, and they were told that they needed to get BOH approval before they file with Conservation.
- **Erin Johnson and John Gousy/8 Sandy Beach Road:** Currently, they have wood telephone pole retaining walls that are decaying. The walls are located about 40 feet from the water. There is also a retaining wall in front of the driveway which borders a right-of-way. Part of the wall is on their property and part is on the deeded right of way. There is also a catch basin at the end of their driveway that runs into the lake. Andy suggested that they check with the assessors to determine who has deeded rights to that right-of-way. Erin Johnson wanted to know the depth of the current well and plans to talk to the BOH. Andy suggested they contact disposal companies because the old railroad ties can contain chemicals that are harmful. They will come back with a plan after talking with the Board of Assessors regarding the right-of-way. The plan needs to include what equipment will be used to rebuild the walls.

**Round Table:**

- Public Information Meeting regarding Senior Housing on September 18, 2019.
- Dawn has been trying to get a donation of a Fraser Fir for the Library. She will need a letter on Conservation letterhead to submit to the nursery. Dawn will draft a letter and send it to Andy for approval.
- Marcia noted that the Sturbridge Herb Fest on Oct. 5, 2019 will have a 2-hour workshop on Contemporary Cannabis Culture.
- Kathy questioned whether a letter had been drafted for Chris McCooe to send to HRA members regarding shoreline cleanup during the drawdown. Andy will follow up with Chris McCooe. (*Note – the weed treatment NOI does not mention anything about shoreline cleanup.*)
- Sam will miss the next meeting.
- Kathy will miss the second meeting in October and Jessica may miss it also. Marcia will take the minutes on October 8 for Kathy and Sam will record the minutes for October 22.

**Adjournment:**

Jessica moved to adjourn the meeting; Sam seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McKenna, Secretary