

Holland Conservation Commission
27 Sturbridge Road, Holland MA 01521
Minutes of Conservation Commission held on June 25, 2019

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

Members Absent: Kaitlin Laabs

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm by Andy Harhay, Chair

Approval of Minutes from 5/14/2019 and 5/28/2019: Kathy moved to table the approval of minutes until the next meeting, Jessica seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Email Correspondence:

- 6/25/2019: From Michael McGrath asking for proposals for the 2019 FALL MASS OPEN SPACE CONFERENCE. Note: The date and location are not yet confirmed. They will take into account the availability of the speakers. The target date is currently Saturday, November 9th, and the target location is the Greenfield/Amherst corridor.
- Several weeks of Expenditure Reports from Laurie Barkus
- 6/16 -6/24/2019: From Hugh Brower regarding his tree cutting application. (*Kathy responded.*)
- 6/24/2019: From the Town of Holland Select Board would like to invite all Holland Dept. Heads, leaders and beyond to attend our Special Select Board meeting this Wednesday, 6-26-19 at 6pm, to discuss the Purchase and Sales agreement for the Open Space land purchase.
- 6/18/2019: From Mark Stinson with DEP #184-0363 for Scott Davis 63 Mashapaug Road.
- 6/13/2019: Andy's email summarizing telecom with Town Counsel, Jeff Blake, Esq. of KP Law regarding Alfred Drapeau's request to cut trees in the right of way that he owns—who needs to be notified, etc. (*See attached email*).
- 6/13/2019: From Andy to Michael Breor and Greenhill Engineering regarding erosion concerns at 326 Mashapaug Rd. and the lack of adherence to specific conditions on the OOC (#9 and #10).
- 6/14/2019: Response from Michael Breor to Andy's email.
- 6/13/2019: From Bryan Haughey regarding a website tool for emergency preparedness.
- 6/14/2019: JoAnne Higgins forwarded an email from Nick Weber noting that we have access to update map information (NHESP layers).
- 6/12/2019: From Joy Duperrault noting that the date has been extended for the Hazard Mitigation Grants.
- 6/12/2019: From Brian Zielinski indicating that all the erosion control barriers have been installed and they want to move ahead with their building project. (*Andy visited the site and replied via email*)
- 6/6/2019: From Janine Drake to all boards regarding appointments and re-appointments.

Phone Messages:

No new phone messages. Ginger will check to see if the phone system is working. Apparently it is not receiving messages.

Other Business /Roundtable

Tree Removal Site Visits: Kathy will email Alfred Depeau to let him know that his application for tree removal has been approved.

Tree Removal Applications: Patrick Frenier/1 Inlet Road and Hugh Brower/9 Chaffee Road. Sam will call to be sure the trees are marked prior to making a site visit. He will email to schedule site visits.

Ginger's clerical support for Conservation: Conservation has Ginger's clerical support again and Andy wanted suggestions for the best way we can utilize her support. Kathy asked if Ginger would be able to monitor the phone messages; Ginger later indicated that she could handle that task.

Roundtable Comments:

- Concerns raised about a failing septic system on Williams Road. Jessica informed the BOH about the failing septic system tonight (6/25/2019).
- Concerns were raised about a failed retaining wall on Lakeshore Drive. Kathy will follow up on this.
- Marcia will miss the 7/9/2019 meeting.
- Jessica will miss the 7/23/2019 meeting.

7:00 PM: Public Hearing/ NOI #184-0362 **8 Shore Lane/Ray and Joan Boire/Jalbert Engineering** **Project: Install 3000 gallon tight tank**

Persons in attendance: Chairperson, Andy Harhay; Marcia Beal; Kathy McKenna; Jessica Chaffee; Sam Spratlin; Leonard Jalbert, Jalbert Engineering.

Hearing opened at 7:03 pm:

- **Discussion:** Conservation had reviewed this plan previously, but needed appropriate documentation prior to the public hearing. Abutters have been notified. Leonard Jalbert already paid for the Legal Notice. A 3000 gallon tight tank system is to be installed. Drains from the house will go to the tank. The tank will have an alarm to indicate the need for pumping when it reaches 2/3's capacity. It is replacing a cesspool that will need to be removed and the hazardous waste trucked from the site. Members had questions regarding the alarm and where the flow would go if the tank does not get pumped. Leonard indicated that the drains would most likely flow back to the house. Sam thought that back flow prevention valves should be in the drain lines, but Leonard said they were not required by Title V.
- **Decision:** Project approved.
- **Public Hearing closed by Andy Harhay at 7:24 pm.**
- **Conditions were drafted and will be sent to Leonard Jalbert for his signature as authorized representative.**

Review COC application for 1 Leno Road/Stephen Soper: Leonard Jalbert and Stephen Soper were in attendance. The Commission had reviewed the project for adherence and compliance to the existing OOC and the approved plan. Andy noted that Leonard's report

indicated that the driveway was gravel, but there is now an asphalt driveway in place. Leonard Jalbert agreed to amend his report as the driveway was installed a few days after he made his site visit. Andy noted that the Bertin Engineering plan indicated the wetland monuments were to be 4" X 4" metal or granite monuments. The monuments currently in place are easily broken off and when Andy recently visited the property one appeared to be missing. Stephen Soper objected to ConCom's request to address this issue and make adjustments to the monuments. He felt that they were adequate. Jessica said she thought that ConCom was being quite reasonable given the fact that the Bertin Engineering Plan indicated there would be granite monuments and a gravel driveway. The OOC also specified a gravel driveway. After some discussion, Leonard Jalbert offered his suggestion for remediating the current monuments so that they will conform to the WPA and the OOC. Andy said that he was surprised that the Engineer from Bertin Engineering did not address the discrepancies in the driveway and the monuments. Andy asked Leonard to amend his report regarding the driveway. Kathy questioned whether more mitigation is reasonable given the fact that the driveway is now asphalt. Andy asked Stephen to mark the trees that he planted. Kathy asked if the new owners had been made aware of the perpetual requirements and specific expectations for this property; Stephen said that the requirements are in the deed. Stephen will submit another COC request after he has addressed the issues that were raised at this meeting.

Walk-ins:

Holland Road Work/JoAnne Higgins for Highway Department: Jessica asked JoAnne to let Brian Johnson know that rip-rap is OK for Over-the-Top Road. JoAnne reviewed the RDA for Road Repair of May Brook Road from the intersection of North Cottage Road to the Connecticut state line. JoAnne referenced information on a possible exemption from needing an NOI for the project. She will initially file a RDA. Jessica and Andy will review the possible NOI exemption prior to filing the RDA and setting up a public meeting for this project.

Kevin Palmer/6 Old Acres Road: The Select Board sent him to Conservation because they wanted to know if ConCom was OK with his dock proposal. After discussion, it was agreed that moveable docks are not under the jurisdiction of the Commission, and it is the Select Board that needs to make this determination. Andy will write a letter to the Select Board clarifying jurisdiction with regard to this issue. Kevin also wanted to know the NOI process relative to building a retaining wall along a section of his waterfront.

Kathy McKenna/12 Lake Shore Drive: Proposed project to install a permeable driveway to replace the current gravel drive along with a permeable walkway connecting the drive to the deck. Part of the walk may be in the buffer zone. Members decided that a RDA will be required.

Adjournment: Jessica made a motion to adjourn, Sam seconded all in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy McKenna, Secretary