

Holland Conservation Commission
27 Sturbridge Road, Holland MA 01521
Minutes of Conservation Commission held on May 14, 2019

Members Present: Chairperson, Andy Harhay; Marcia Beal; Kaitlin Laabs; Jessica Chaffee.

Members Absent: Kathy McKenna ; Sam Spratlin

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

Approval of Minutes from 4/23/2019: Kaitlin made a motion to approve. Sam seconded. Jessica recused herself as she was not present at that meeting. All in favor; motion passed.

Email Correspondence:

- 4/25/19 from Andy to Michael Breor (326 Mashapaug Road) and Green Hill Engineering (NOI #184-0361) indicating the OOC has been completed and sent to them.
- 4/26/19 from Stephen Soper to ConCom indicating that the contract with Glenn Krevosky as the Site Environmental Monitor has been terminated, as site work is felt to be complete.
- 4/28/19 from Andy to Stephen Soper informing him, as per the OOC, that a Monitor is to inspecting the site until ConCom agrees it not to be necessary... at this time the site has not been stabilized and monitoring must continue.
- 4/30/19 from Stephen Soper to ConCom indicating that they have hired Leonard Jalbert, P.E. as the Monitor and provide the weekly reports.
- 5/4/19 from Michael Breor with attached photos showing the silt fence and wattles were in place between the lake and the house and indicated that the well drilling setup would start ~ 5/8/19. Andy reminded Michael that the OOC also required a silt fence and wattles downhill of wherever the spoils pit will be located. (Andy visited the site on 5/9/19 and noted that the setup by the well company had been completed, with a silt fence and wattles at the location of the spoils pit.)
- 5/5/19 from Laurie Philbin of 16 Leno Road asking if her request to remove a number of trees had been approved. (Andy responded that she had sent a sketch of where the trees were located, but not the actual Tree Removal Application.)
- 5/13/19 from Mark Stinson (MassDEP) providing File #184-0362 for a tight tank installation at 8 Shore Lane
- 5/14/19 from Chief Haughey indicating road closures/parking restrictions in conjunction with the 5/18/19 HES 5K Race/Walk.

Telephone Messages:

No messages during the period.

Other Business /Roundtable

Review 46 Island Rd and details regarding the project: Homeowner has been digging out the hillside in the back of his property. This has caused complaints by neighbors of sediment runoff into the lake. Owner cleared out culverts that had become clogged with sediment, and runoff issues seemed to have ceased. Owner is working with HCC to make sure site is properly stabilized.

16 Leno Rd: Laurie Philbin emailed regarding the removal of a tree. Andy emailed her back and informed her of the tree application process. HCC is awaiting a reply.

Over the TopRoad: The tar on the newly paved road is deteriorating. Jessica suspects the final topcoat of tar was never applied and the road is rapidly weathering. Tar is shown to be eroding into the culverts and there are concerns of it entering into the lake. HCC will conduct a site visit to determine the damage and potential environmental impacts before contacting Bryan.

Tree Removal Applications: 29 Lakeridge Drive, Kelly and Michael Bedard. Building garage and wish to remove damaged/ dead trees. HCC will conduct a site visit.

Other Business:

- Holland annual 5K race is this weekend for any members that wish to participate.

Public Hearing

- No Public Hearings at this meeting

Meetings/ Appointments

- **Dick Haller, Sichol Property purchasing:** Property is being sold for \$500,000. Town will have to pay \$168,000, the remaining cost is being covered by grants. The property is 178 acres, 17 of which is reserved for town development. 1,000 ft of road frontage borders the towns 17 acres. Preserving this parcel will help to protect Stevenson brook, the 2nd largest tributary into Hamilton Reservoir. One of the grants the town is receiving is from the US Forest Service. As a requirement of this grant, the forest will become a model for sustainable forestry and educational opportunities are possible. Any profits from timber harvesting will go to the town. Mr. Haller is asking for the HCC's endorsement of the purchase of this property at the town hall, specifically the approval of articles 18 and 19 at the town meeting.

Kaitlin made a motion "The Conservation Commission endorses and recommends passage of Articles 18 and 19 for the purchase of the Sichol property". Marcia seconded, all in favor.

- **Stephen Soper, 1 Leno Rd:** Brought in an example placard for the wetland markers. Placard is very large however, and Mr. Soper will look into other options. The order of conditions only requires a few mountain laurels to be planted, HCC would like to see more planted. Mr. Soper

plans on planting 2 mountain laurels and 2 rhododendrons near the road. 2 rhododendrons and 3 junipers will be planted in the front of the house, and 4 trees in total (2 on right side of house and 2 in the back). The samplings must be a minimum of 4 feet tall and native species. An official plan was signed and submitted by Mr. Soper and filed with the site documents. Before the certificate of compliance can be issued, placards need to be installed, site must be stabilized and various documents need to be passed in. An application for the COC will be submitted at the next meeting. Once submitted, HCC will make a site visit and make a determination based off of the OOC.

Walk-ins:

- **Justin Dyer, 83 Sandy Beach (720pm):** Mr. Dyer came in to have a pink sheet signed regarding the demolition of his house. Mr. Dyer plans on constructing a new house on the property in the future, but that is not in the current scope of his project. Currently Mr. Dyer began demolition about 1 month ago, and the house is down to the studs. He also does not have a demo permit from the town. He was made aware that he should have visited HCC before any demolition began. Mr. Dyer stated that the foundation will remain for the time being and he is not ready for any construction on a new house. HCC will visit the and inspect the site before determining if an RDA or NOI is appropriate. In the meantime, HCC request that a silt fence be put up near the lake shore edge, Mr. Dyer agreed and will put one up tomorrow (5/15).

Adjournment:

- **Jessica made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marcia seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**
- **Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.**

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Kaitlin Laabs, Conservation Member