

Holland Conservation Commission
27 Sturbridge Road, Holland MA 01521
Minutes of Conservation Commission held on September 24, 2019

Members Present: Chairperson, Andy Harhay; Kathy McKenna; Marcia Beal; Jessica Chaffee; Dawn Kamay **Clerk:** Ginger Buteau **Members Absent:** Kaitlin Laabs; Sam Spratlin;

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Andy Harhay, Chair

Approval of Minutes from 9/10/2019: Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes of 9/10/2019; Dawn seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Email Correspondence:

- 9/24/2019: Correspondence to and from Andy Harhay and Tony Cournoyer regarding rescheduling the Public Hearing for NOI #184-0365/23 Shore Drive/Creative Exteriors.
- 9/24/2019: From Tony Wonseski to Highway Dept. with Conservation copied on the email regarding the draft restoration plans for Leno Road.
- 9/21/2019: Sent by Andy Harhay to the Highway Department (JoAnne Higgins and Brian Johnson) with a reminder that the Highway Department is to provide Commission with a remediation plan at Tuesday evening's meeting.
- 9/16 & 9/24/2019: From Laurie Bartkus with expenditure reports attached.

Phone Messages:

- Travis Koske called about whether he had his tree approval. (*Kathy had contacted him by phone and left a message that the tree application was approved.*)
- Andy spoke with Tim Tomco of Creative Exteriors relative to their request for the continuance of the NOI #184-0365 hearing to October 8, 2019.

Tree Removal Approvals/site visit update:

- 42 Over the Top—Tree Removal 1 dead tree. (*Owner will attend meeting to clarify questions and discuss permitting for other projects.*)
- 360 Mashapaug Road/ Doug Frechett represented by DB Tree. Removal of 3 trees. Approved with mitigation. (*Ginger scanned and emailed the approval on 9/24/2019*)
- 19 Leisure Drive/Travis and Margaret Koske—4 dead trees. Approved—no mitigation needed due to the number of trees and plantings already in place. (*Ginger scanned and emailed the approval on 9/24/2019*).

New Tree Removal Applications

236 Stafford Road/Briere—4 dead trees.

Plan site visits prior to next meeting:

- 10 Forest Court/ Gerald Baseel/RDA
- 236 Stafford Road/Briere/Tree removal
- 35 Lakeridge/Fetko/NOI
- 42 Over-the-Top/Anthony Lauzon/RDA

MACC Fall Conference 10/19/2019: Sign up for the Fall Conference as soon as possible.

Remediation Plan for Highway Department: Received the remediation plan for Leno Road from Tony Wonseski, P.E. of SVE Associates. Conservation will need to review the plan. Andy will email the plans to Concom members.

Hamilton Reservoir Drawdown Letter: Reviewed Letter to Select Board regarding the NOI Drawdown. Members approved of it.

Fir Tree Donation: Dawn asked for a file with the ConCom letterhead so that she can send out a letter to Garden Barn in Vernon, CT asking for a donation of a fir tree to be planted on the lawn the Holland Library.

Request for endorsement: John Root requested a letter from ConCom supporting his application to the Cultural Council Grant to fund a presentation—"Attracting Birds, Bees, and Other Beneficials" in Holland. Members were in support; Andy will draft a letter.

RDA Public Meeting/Gerald Baseel/10 Forest Court
Projecct: Rebuild lakefront rock wall

Public Meeting Opened at 7:00 pm

Persons in attendance: Chairperson, Andy Harhay; Kathy McKenna; Marcia Beal; Jessica Chaffee; Dawn Kamay; Gerald Baseel, applicant

Discussion: Gerald plans to rebuild the badly deteriorated stone wall by hand. He will reinforce the wall structure using concrete that will be mixed by hand. The wall will be about 2-3 feet high. He will not be bringing in any additional stone. Andy wants to know the name of the contractor, once Gerald makes a selection. No machinery will be used to do this project. Paperwork will be mailed to Gerald Baseel.

Decision: Site visit will be made and paperwork mailed to Gerald Basel.

Gerald paid for the legal notice.

Public Meeting ended at 7:10 pm

Walk-Ins

- **7:20 pm Anthony Lauzon (property owner) & Andrew J. Milne (contractor)/42 Over-the-Top Road/tree removal & rebuild lake front wall:** The overall project will be done in two phases. The first phase will be to remove the dangerous tree that is approximately 30 feet from the water; they may have to remove part of the stairway and decking to allow taking down the tree. A 1-ton dump truck and chipper will be staged in the driveway to deal with the debris. Anthony will be taking down 4 other trees that are not jurisdictional and has agreed to leave the stumps and roots in place for all trees removed. The tree removal application was signed and approved for the removal of 1 jurisdictional tree with mitigation on the hillside between the driveway and the road. The second phase will re-

quire submitting a RDA. It will involve building new walls and rebuilding the lakefront wall.

- **7:30 pm Dan Fetko/35 Lakeridge/Build stone walls on hillside:** Many things have been buried on the hillside. Dan removed some of the tires over 6 years ago. The walls he plans to build are about 22 feet from the lake. When Dan took ownership of this property, the town had requested that he clean up the property. Water is running from the street down to the house. The group agrees that a NOI needs to be filed. Jessica said she would help him complete a NOI application.
- **7:40 pm Erin Johnson & John Cousy/8 Sandy Beach Road/Replacing wood walls:** Did not attend the meeting.
- **Mike Forand/83 Wales Road:** He wants to build a garage in the existing driveway. The garage will be built about 50 feet from an intermittent stream. The garage will be set on a slab that is level with the existing house slab. It seemed as if a RDA would be sufficient for this project, but a site visit will be made to clarify the type of permitting needed.
- **Chris McCooe/NOI #184-0353/Maintenance of the Shore Drive Boat Launch:** The original NOI for maintenance activities on the launch was approved in October 2018. Part of the original plan developed for the *Friends of the Holland Reservoir (FHRA)* involved repairing the deep depression in the lakebed, just beyond the ramp, by using precast concrete slabs. The contractor that will do the work during the upcoming drawdown has suggested using 10 tons of river rock rather than the concrete slabs. He felt it would be effective and result in a substantial savings to the *FHRA*. Chris proposed amending the OOC to enable use of the river rock to fill the depression. She requested to be put on the agenda for October 8 to seek approval for the modification.

Round Table:

- Marcia reminded everyone to take the ethics exam on line and gave us a link to the site.
- Andy said that all Commissioners again need to be sworn in by the Town Clerk.
- Andy will contact Rich Rivet about the weekly status reports for the Zielinski project at 50 Stony Hill Road.
- Kathy suggested that we have direct access to the native shrub link on Conservation's web page; Ginger will develop the link.

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McKenna, Secretary