

Holland Conservation Commission
27 Sturbridge Road, Holland MA 01521
Minutes of Conservation Commission held on March 10, 2020

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

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Jessica Chaffee, Chair

Approval of Minutes from 2/11/2020: **Kaitlin** made a motion to approve the minutes from 2/11/2020. Sam seconded. All in favor; motion passed with votes from the members who were present on 2/11/2020 (Kathy, Marcia, Kaitlin and Sam).

NOTE: Kathy noted that the previously approved minutes on 1/14/2020 had a date error that needed correcting. **Kaitlin made a motion to approve the corrected date from the minutes of 1/14/2020. Sam seconded. All in favor; motion passed**

Email Correspondence:

- 2/19/2020: From Dawn Kamay with a spreadsheet listing NOIs so we can keep track of the status and update information.
- 2/22/2020: From William Pucci wondering about the continued drawdown of Hamilton Reservoir. He was concerned that the lake has been drawn down for so long. (*Kaitlin responded, but the email bounced back to her. No one had an answer to Bill's question, but Jessica noted that it is still within the time frame specified in the Bundled NOI.*)
- 2/24/2020: Expenditure report from Laurie Bartkus.
- 2/25/2020: From DEP with file numbers for Robert and Robin Hellinger/17 Island Road (#184-0370) and Paul and Theresa Les/19 Island Road (#184-0371).
- 3/2/2020: Expenditure Report from Laurie Bartkus
- 3/3/2020: From DEP with file number for Robbin Lauzon/42 Over-the-Top Road (#184-0372)
- 3/3/2020: From the Board of Selectmen canceling the All Board Meeting for Tuesday, 3/3/2020.
- 3/3 & 3/4/2020: To and From Jessica Chaffee to the Holland Finance Board clarifying budget request details for Conservation.
- 3/4/2020: From the Town Administrator noting that the new date for the All Boards' Meeting will be April 21, 2020 and there will be a round table discussion at the end of the meeting. Members were told that if their respective board has a quorum in attendance, they will not be able to participate by speaking at the meeting.
- 3/9/2010: Expenditure report from Laurie Bartkus.
- 3.9.2020: From Brian Haughey regarding Corona Virus Preparedness.
- 3/10/2020: From Brian Haughey to department heads with a PDF attached with information to share regarding the Corona Virus.

General Correspondence:

- From Pioneer Valley Planning Commission with an invitation to a moderated panel discussion on the impact of landowners on the future land use in your town.
- Amended Forest Cutting Plan for 101 Leno Road.
- Mass Audubon Booklet for ConCom office

Phone Messages:

- 2/20/2020: From American Ramp offering to help with adding amenities for skaters and bikers to town parks.
- 2/25/2020: From Jen Ohop with questions about the tight tank being installed at 32 Heritage Drive. (*Kathy made a site visit and spoke directly with Jen.*)

Review New Tree Removal Applications:

- DB Tree contacted a ConCom member with concerns about a tree that appeared to be cut down at 76 Sturbridge Road and is in the lake. There appears to be no record a Tree Cutting Application for that address. ConCom will notify owner that this a violation of the Wetlands Protection Act.
- No new tree removal applications have been submitted.

Review Amended Forest Cutting Plan for 101 Leno Road: Kaitlin spoke with Chris Capone and he sent along an amended Forest Cutting Plan. Chris Capone does not feel this plan falls under the wetlands protection act. Kaitlin reviewed the plan and agreed with Chris that this does not appear to be under ConCom's jurisdiction.

Plan site visits prior to next meeting:

- 17 and 19 Island Road—Proposed additions (garages) to single family homes.
- Rich Lauzon/44 Over the Top Road
- Robbin and Anthony Lauzone/42 Over the Top
- Erin Johnson and John Gousy/8 Sandy Beach Road
- Paul and Christine Huijing/22 Old Acres Road

Round Table:

- Kaitlin noted that the Army Corps has complete jurisdiction to do what they want on the land, so the sand dumped on lake Siog Beach does not come under ConComs jurisdiction.
- Discussion occurred regarding the need for a Conservation Agent due to the number and types of projects that are coming before the Conservation Commission.

7:00 PM—Complete Order of Conditions /NOI #184-0369

Michael Breor/326 Mashapaug Road—Demo/Rebuild

Meeting Opened at 7:05 PM

Persons in Attendance: Chairperson, Jessica Chaffee; Kaitlin Laabs; Kathy McKenna; Marcia Beal; Sam Spratlin

- **Discussion:** Amended the OOC to correct the cubic footage for the compensatory storage from 625 cubic feet to 25 cubic feet.
- **Kaitlin made a motion to approve the OOC as edited at this meeting. Kathy seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**

- **Decision:** OOC were approved with some changes. Jessica filed the OOC with the DEP electronically.
- **The Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm.**

7:15 PM— Public Hearing NOI #184-0370
Steve Bressette, Summit Engineering
Representing Robert and Robin Hellinger/17 Island Road

Public Hearing Opened at 7:16 pm

Persons in Attendance: Bob and Robin Hellinger (applicants), Paul and Theresa Les (abutters), Patricia Ochs 18 and 20 Island Road (abutter), Chairperson, Jessica Chaffee; Kaitlin Laabs; Kathy McKenna; Marcia Beal; Sam Spratlin;

- **Discussion:** The DEP form had the spelling of Hellinger incorrect— Steve noted that as long as it is corrected on the OOC, there should not be a concern. The Hellingers want to use a portion of their parking area to create a garage. The majority of the work is outside of ConCom's jurisdiction. To mitigate for the impervious area they want to create lawn where a boat ramp currently exists. There will be an excavator needed to move the boat ramp pieces. The ramp removal will be done next fall during draw down. They will consider plantings at the end of the driveway to help mitigate the run-off along with stone. Jessica noted that ConCom members will make a site visit. The Hellingers will meet with ZBA tomorrow night and Jessica asked them to let us know if the ZBA approves their project according to the plan presented tonight. **Steve requested a continuance to March 24, 2020 for 7 pm.**
- **Decision:** The Public Hearing will be continued until March 24, 2020 at 7 pm.

7:15 PM— Public Hearing NOI #184-0371
Steve Bressette, Summit Engineering
Representing Paul and Theresa Les /19 Island Road

Public Hearing Opened at 7:16 pm

Persons in Attendance: Paul and Theresa Les (applicants), Bob and Robin Hellinger (abutters), Patricia Ochs 18 and 20 Island Road (abutter), Chairperson, Jessica Chaffee; Kaitlin Laabs; Kathy McKenna; Marcia Beal; Sam Spratlin;

- **Discussion:** They want to tear down the existing garage and build a new one that will be raised up. They plan to get rid of the driveway. The property is quite steep. A majority of the work is outside of ConCom's jurisdiction. Kaitlin asked about a dry well or a rain garden to catch run-off from the garage. Paul Les said that they had a problem with water run-off from the road, and needed to create a lip in front of the driveway to prevent some of the run-off. Paul has met with Brian Johnson regarding the road run-off. He also noted that the catch basins need to be cleaned. The area under the proposed garage will be open and have a cement floor for storage. Steve Bressette said he will look at infiltration. **Steve requested a continuance to March 24, 2020 for 7 pm.**
- **Decision:** The Public Hearing will be continued until March 24, 2020 at 7 pm.

Walk-Ins:

Erin Johnson and John Gousy/8 Sandy Beach Road: They shared a copy of the plot plan which shows a timber retaining wall that needs to be replaced. It's about 70 feet from the lake. The wall is decaying and they hope to replace it with lock blocks. John will be using a bucket loader staged on the driveway to move the blocks. He will need to note where he plans to put silt fence and straw wattles. It was agreed that an RDA would be appropriate for this project. They will submit the RDA and a Public Meeting will be held on March 24, 2020.

Rich Lauzon/44 Over the Top Road: He wants to add a room to the side of the house and has met with ZBA and his paperwork has been signed. There is a currently a pad in place so no digging will be necessary. The room is 75 feet from the lake and Rich indicated that all materials will be staged in the Road which is more than 100 feet from the lake. It was agreed that an RDA would be appropriate for the project since there is no digging. Rich will complete the RDA and a Public Meeting will be held on March 24, 2020.

Christine and Paul Huijing/22 Old Acres Road: The plan to put two dormers on their house along with a screen porch and a deck. They plan to use helical piers for the deck and the screen porch so their will be minimal digging. Most of the project is beyond 100 feet. The closest to the lake that the project would extend is 94 feet which is the deck. It was agreed that an RDA would be appropriate and the Huijing's will be scheduled on March 24, 2020 for an RDA public meeting.

Adjournment:

- Kaitlin moved to adjourn the meeting, Sam seconded. All in favor; motion passed.
- **Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McKenna, Secretary