

Holland Conservation Commission
27 Sturbridge Road, Holland MA 01521
Minutes of Conservation Commission held on June 9, 2020

NOTE: Due to the Corona Virus this meeting was held remotely using Go-To-Meeting

Members Attending Remotely: Chairperson, Jessica Chaffee; Kaitlin Laabs; Kathy McKenna; Marcia Beal; Sam Spratlin; Dawn Kamay **Members Absent:** None

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm by Jessica Chaffee, Chairperson

Approval of Minutes from 4/28/2020: Marcia made a motion to approve the minutes from 4/28/2020. Sam seconded. All in favor; motion passed with a yes vote from the following members. **Members who verbally voted in favor:** Jessica Chaffee, Kaitlin Laabs, Sam Spratlin, Dawn Kamay, Marcia Beal, Kathy McKenna. **No one verbally opposed.**

Email Correspondence:

- 4/29/2020: JoAnne Higgin's response to ConCom's concerns about the drainage and sediment run-off on William's Road.
- 4/30/2020: Mark Stinson's response to Jessica's question regarding the concern that Dawn raised at the 4/28/2020 meeting.
- 4/30-5/1/2020: Larry Mandel responded to the letter he received regarding cutting down a tree without completing a Tree Removal Application, and indicated he had come to ConCom regarding the tree removal. Review of past minutes indicated he had planned to attend a meeting, but was unable to at the last minute. He apologized for not following through on his end.
- 5/1/2020: From Joey Wigglesworth noticing that MACC is opposed to the spraying to kill mosquitos that transmit EEE. He encouraged those who are interested to take action.
- 5/4/; 5/11; 5/18/2020: Expenditure Report from Laurie Bartkus. (*Kathy forwarded it to Dawn.*)
- 5/4/2020: From MACC with e-Newsletter and update on education seminars being offered.
- 5/5/202: From Janine Drake with information from the DOR that Holland has received official approval for Emergency spending funds and there are 2 accounts set up. She asked that expenses that have been made during the COVID 19 crisis that qualify for emergency spending, be noted on a separate voucher or separate section of the voucher.
- 5/6/2020: From Laurie Bartkus with end of year forms attached. (*Kathy forwarded email and attachments to Dawn and Jessica.*)
- 5/7/2020: From Jessica the Conservation Meeting scheduled for 5/12/2020 has been canceled as there is no new business that needs to be addressed.
- 5/13/2020: From Robbin Lauzon notifying ConCom that the contractor has started and sediment barriers are in place. (*Kathy responded, and made a site visit on Thursday, May 14.*)

- 5/26/2020: Kathy McKenna emailed to report an unusual bluish green apparent petroleum slick in the cove at 16 Lake Shore Drive. The Fire Department came to check it out and determined it was not oil or gas and did not appear to be algae. It eventually dissipated and seemed to have been a very unusual pollen film.
- 5/28/2020: From the Holland Town Administrator with information with an attached Power Point Presentation (State Mandated Training) that all board members need to watch and validate that they have done this prior to the Town Hall opening up on June 8th.
- 6/1/2020: From Deb Colt requesting updates on current pending RDAs and NOIs. (*Kathy responded.*)
- 6/4/2020: From Meghan Stewart of Solitude Lake Management asking ConCom for Confirmation of Weed Treatment Date of June 17, 2020 for Hamilton Reservoir. (*Kathy forwarded email to Chris McCooe and the Select Board—Chris responded saying the date of June 17 was confirmed with LOC, the Holland Police and the Select Board—Kathy forwarded Chris's reply to Meghan Stewart at Solitude Lake Management*).
- 6/4/2020: From MACC requesting proposals for presentations for their Virtual Fall Conference Week Workshop.
- 6/5/2020: From MACC indicating the End of the Year Wetlands Publication is now for sale.
- 6/5/2020: From Jessica asking that everyone send her their signed copy attesting to the Covid 19 Power Point training. She will send these along to Janine electronically with her signature. (NOTE: Dawn replied that she had already dropped her copy off at the Town Hall).
- 6/8/2020: From Town Administrator asking for new appointments to be submitted to her prior to the Select Board Meeting on June 16, 2020.
- 6/9/2020: From Maria Caruso requesting information on procedures for cutting down trees. (*Kathy responded and sent her a tree cutting application*).

General Correspondence:

- 4/28/2020: Unable to access the Town Hall to check the mailbox due to Corona Virus restrictions.

Phone Messages:

Kenneth Ferrence: Called with concerns about oil/gas in Brandon Cove along with dead fish. (*Kathy returned call.*)

Tree Removal Applications/Site Visits:

Sam will arrange for site visits for the following Tree Removal Applications:

- Maria Caruso/27 Hamilton:
- Doug and Olivia Kroncke/31 Shore Drive:

Round Table:

- **Update Town Warrant:** Kaitlin submitted this but did not receive a response and was told there are no funds this year due to the Pandemic that could be used for a Conservation Agent.

- **Update Bedards/29 Lakeridge Drive:** They are waiting on well company and have not begun their project.
- **Update Lauzon's/42 Over-the-Top:** The work is progressing. Kathy and Dawn made quick site visits.
- **NOI Review:** Kaitlin suggested we take advantage of things being slow to review NOIs and see if COC's have been issued.
- **Update Lanyards:** Dawn has not been able to get to staples to purchase the lanyards for identification.
- **Letter of Support:** Chris McCooe asked ConCom to draft a letter of support for the 319 Grant. Because we were unable to meet in person, Jessica sent a letter of support with only her signature as Conservation Chair.
- **Sichol Property:** Kathy asked commissioners to consider a donation to Opacum in order to help with the final expenses needed on Sichol Property. This money would come from the Wetlands Fund. Dawn will check with the finance board to see if this is an acceptable use of the Wetlands fund.

Adjournment:

- Dawn moved to adjourn the meeting, Kaitlin seconded.
- **Members who verbally voted in favor:** Jessica Chaffee, Kaitlin Laabs, Sam Spratlin, Dawn Kamay, Marcia Beal, Kathy McKenna. **No one verbally opposed.**
- **Motion passed**
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McKenna, Secretary