

Holland Conservation Commission
27 Sturbridge Road, Holland MA 01521
Minutes of Conservation Commission held on August 25, 2020

NOTE: Due to the Corona Virus this meeting was held remotely using Go-To- Meeting Members Attending Remotely: Kaitlin Laabs; Kathy McKenna; Marcia Beal; Dawn Kamay; Sam Spratlin

Members Absent: Jessica Chaffee

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm by Kathy McKenne.

Approval of Minutes from 8/11/2020: Kaitlin made a motion to approve the minutes from 8/11/2020. Dawn seconded. All in favor; motion passed with a yes vote from the following members.

- **Members who verbally voted in favor:** Kaitlin Laabs; Kathy McKenna; Marcia Beal; Dawn Kamay
- **No one verbally opposed.**
- **Abstained:** Sam Spratlin did not attend the 8/11/2020 meeting and abstained.

Email Correspondence:

- 8/12/2020: Emails regarding dam on Maybrook.
- 8/14/2020: Emails regarding extension for Lake NOI
- 8/19/2020: From Town Administrator requesting a ConCom member to participate on the search for a new Building Commissioner. (Kathy forwarded email to ConCom members.)
- 8/19/2020: Mass DEP with significant drought guidance updates
- 8/19/2020: From Town Administrator noting that the Special Town Meeting will be held on November 10, 2020.
- 8/19/2020: From Becky Hilbig going we have some items in our mailbox. Kathy will arrange to pick them up.

- 8/18/2020: From Mark Stinson requesting waterfront photos for the NOI for 27 Candlewood Drive.
- 8/18/2020: Emails between Kate Laabs and Chris McCooe regarding the wording for the additional Condition for the Hamilton Reservoir NOI #184-0335.
- 8/13/2020: From Mark Stinson with DEP File # 184-0374 for 2 Collette Drive also included flood map.
- 8/20/2020: From Lindsay Martucci sending the MACC Summer 2020 e-Magazine
- 8/20/2020: From Mark Stinson with DEP File #184-0375 for Heinemann at 27 Candlewood Drive. Email also included flood map.
- 8/22/2020: From Kate Laabs to Town Administrator volunteering to be on the search committee for a new Building Commissioner.

General Correspondence:

Tree Removal Application from 7 Sunset Road/Polverari
From DCR—Forest Cutting Plan for property off Maybrook Road

Phone Messages:

Rich Polverari—Wanted us to know that there was a tree removal application in the Conservation Mailbox.

Misc Business:

- Kathy and Kaitlin will temporarily switch roles. Kaitlin will take minutes and monitor the emails and Kathy will put the agenda together and run meetings.
- Kaitlin Laabs will be on the town committee to hire a new building inspector.

Review of Tree Removal Applications:

- Bruce and Helen Gallagher/23 Lakeridge Drive (4 trees): Marcia and Sam inspected this property. 1 tree is rotting, 3 are leaning over the house. Remediation required will be 8 shrubs along the hill to prevent erosion.
- Karen Calkins/21 Lakeridge Drive (2 trees): Marcia and Sam inspected this property. 2 dead trees are hanging over the lake. No remediation requested as there is no room and the area is well vegetated.
- Jennifer Elmore/33 Lee Ave. (5 trees): Marcia and Sam inspected this property. Remediation will be to plant 10 blueberry bushes as mitigation.
- Fellows, 31 Lee Ave (5) : Marcia and Sam inspected this property. Want to instal a tight tank and need to remove the trees from both 31 and 33 Lee Ave. Stumps will remain in place and will plant 4 trees that mature less than 20 ft and 6 native shrubs.
- Caswell 27 Lee Ave (2 Trees): Marcia and Sam inspected this property. Will plant 2 birch trees along the shore as remediation.
- Rich Heineman/27 Candlewood Drive (1 Tree): Marcia and Sam inspected this property. A 30 foot maple tree is growing through the deck. Will be replaced with 24 native shrubs. This property has also submitted an NOI that this tree was not included on.
- James & Terry Driscoll/36 Massaconnic Trail (1 tree partially uprooted and leaning toward the cottage)—sent picture—Kathy approved it to be taken down ASAP. Jessica concurred. No

mitigation has been requested given the emergency.

- Richard and Katherin Polverari/7 Sunset Road (1 tree): Marcia and Sam inspected this property. Tree is rotting, they will replace it with a small tree with a mature height of less than 20 feet.
- 19 Lee Ave Sam Spratlin (2 trees): Remove 2 white pines and replace with 2 trees.

New Tree Removal Applications:

- Brunelle/6 Lakeshore Drive: Wish to remove 1 pine tree. Will plant a hardwood tree or two shrubs
- Richard Haller 74 Sturbridge Rd: 1 tree that is leaning dangerously. Want to remove the tree and replace it with another tree. Sam and Kathy gave permission to remove the tree as it was a danger to health and property.
- Larry Mandell 76 Sturbridge Rd: Multiple fallen trees, most likely 5 (including one large pine tree). Kathy and Sam gave permission to remove large trees as it was a danger to health and property. The root ball of the tree is completely exposed and is causing erosion into the lake. Kathy and Sam requested a straw wattle be placed around the root ball for now. Homeowners are hoping to replace the root ball into the ground once the tree itself has been removed. Once the large pine has been removed they will come back and discuss mitigation and any other work that needs to be done.
- 41 Shore Drive: Want to remove 4 large pines that look very dangerous as well as 1 birch tree. Kathy and Sam agree that the trees need to be removed.

7:00 pm Public Hearing Continued/Hamilton Reservoir Extension

Permit for OOCs for NOI #184-0335

Select Board Town of Holland

Additional Persons Attending Remotely: Clelland Johnson

Discussion: Meeting started at 700pm to extend the lake NOI

Here to request an extension for the current NOI in place. Con Com and LOC wished to add an additional order of condition to the NOI. The following order of condition is being proposed to be added to the current NOI:

“Shorefront property owners and deeded people of any lake right of way are permitted to rake and remove leaves and debris from their waterfront properties during the drawdown conditions. Only non electrical hand tools may be used to rake and remove leaves, sticks, and other debris. This activity is restricted to exposed lakebed only, no activities may be performed under water. All other activities must be submitted to and approved by the Holland Conservation Commission. The Holland Conservation Commission must be notified in advance prior to any digging of the bank or in the lake bed (by hand or machine) and if any wall repair and/or rebuilding work needs to be done. Absolutely no heavy equipment or digging is allowed on the lake bed. ”

Motion : Kathy made a motion to extend the NOI #184-0335 for three years with the additional condition discussed. Sam seconded

Members who verbally voted in favor: Kaitlin Laabs; Kathy McKenna; Marcia Beal; Dawn Kamay, Sam Spratlin

No one verbally opposed.

7:20 pm Public Hearing NOI #184-0374
2 Collette Drive/Jason & Kelley Nolan-Maccione
Submitted by Scott Morrison/Environmental Engineer Eco Tec, Inc.
Project: Home improvements/deck/patio/walls

Additional Persons Attending Remotely: Scott Morrison

Discussion: Wish to re-sod backyard on waterfront, remove a tree, install a patio with retaining walls, and replace an existing deck on waterfront as well as access paths. Proposing 8 inch silt socks staked on the edge of the lake throughout the duration of the project. A planting plan has been submitted. HCC will conduct a site visit on September 3rd at 10 o'clock with Scott. He will also bring a copy of the plans with him. Further discussion regarding the project will be had at the next meeting after the members have made a site visit and had a chance to review the project plans.

Decision: The commission (with Scott Morrisons permission) will continue the public hearing until the next meeting on 9/8/2020.

Round Table:

Update on The Town Warrant for a Conservation Agent: Kaitlin will email the BOS and inquire if new signatures are needed for the warrant.

Update on funds and payments: We will be getting our stipend checks, Con Com missed the dates of submission of the paperwork for member stipends so Kathy had to contact the town to get Con Com stipend checks through. No one at the town informed the Con Com that the paperwork was due which resulted in it not being submitted.

Update on Meeting with Brian Johnson regarding Maybrook Road: Sam, Marcia, Dawn and Kathy met with Brian on Thursday, August 21 to discuss upgrades and culvert repair on Maybrook Road. Several catch basins are in need of repair and one needs to have its location moved. Four trees and one stump will need to be removed. There is also an intermittent stream. The neighbor who lives next to the intermittent

stream expressed concern about the ice build up in the winter and the run-off that collects along the road. Curbs will be placed on the sides of the road to help direct run-off. Discussed sediment barriers/silt fencing/ straw wattles/sediment blankets to protect sensitive areas and location of catch basins. Brian intends to use “NH” type catch basins as they are easier to monitor and clean. Brian will submit a project summary to ConCom so it can be approved under the bundled NOI.

Update on Maybrook Road Dam— Dawn Kamay and Kathy McKenna visited the site on August 15, 2020, and spoke with residents at both 90 and 92 Maybrook Road. Concerns were shared about the dam. A letter was given to one of the residents at 92 Maybrook who appeared to be aware of the dam construction and noted that some of the dam had already been partially removed. We asked that the dam be removed as soon as possible. A site visit will be made again in 2 weeks to check on the status of the dam. If it is still in place at that time an emergency order will need to be issued.

As of the 8/25 meeting, The dam has not been removed. They have until the end of August to remove the dam. If it is still there on September 1st an enforcement order will be issued.

Adjournment:

Dawn moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm, Sam seconded.

Members who verbally voted in favor: Kaitlin Laabs; Kathy McKenna; Marcia Beal; Dawn Kamay, Sam Spratlin

No one verbally opposed. Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaitlin Laabs, Co-Chair