

HOLLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
27 Sturbridge Road, Holland, MA 01521
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Attending: Marcia Beal, Dawn Kamay, Sam Spratlin, Kaitlin Laabs and Jess Chaffee (joined at 7:20)

Absent: Kathy McKenna

Guests: Jim Gorman, Creative Exteriors, Joanne Higgins, Town of Holland, Highway Dept., Chris McCoee (by telcon) and Bob Kamay representing FHRA

Acting Chairperson, Kaitlin Laabs, opened the meeting at 6:38 PM

Minutes of the October 27, 2020 meeting were read. A motion was made by Dawn Kamay and seconded by Sam Spratlin to accept. All in favor, none opposed.

Phone messages and email correspondence were reviewed.

Tree Removal Requests: One tree at 336 Mashapaug Road, one tree at 19 Lakeridge Drive, and one tree at 35 Shore Drive were viewed and approved.

Fenton Street Sediment Basin: Monitoring of the basin was briefly discussed. LOC to be asked to assume responsibility.

Maybrook Dams:

The residents at 90 Maybrook Road will be contacted. There was some removal of the smaller dam but none on the larger dam. At a minimum a larger culvert would be required. Jess Chaffee and Mark Stinson are to discuss this situation. Marcia Beal checked that these were not off-road vehicle trails. No one contacted was aware of the larger bridge.

7:00 PM – NOI 184-0377 – Mr. Terbush of 21 Shore Drive: The property owner wishes to install a permeable paver patio and dry stock stone wall with crushed stone behind the wall. No work will be outside this area. There was discussion regarding appropriate erosion controls, such as straw wattles and fencing. They will notify us two days before starting work with 30 days to complete the work. A planting plan will be presented to us. Kaitlin drafted an OOC which was reviewed by all. Dawn Kamay made a motion to accept the OOC and Sam Spratlin seconded. Dawn motioned that the public hearing be closed, Sam seconded. Hearing closed at 7:18pm.

7:20 PM – NOI 184-0378 - Highway Department Bundle: Jess Chaffee joined the meeting for this Highway Department Bundle. Paving was not required in the bundle. Culvert cleaning was discussed by Joanne Higgins representing the Highway Department. When culverts are cleaned a Garmin photo is taken with date and location to record the work as completed. Reports of clean out are to be sent to ConCom quarterly. It was requested that the information be presented in a clearer manner showing all the culverts and when they will be cleaned. It was noted that retention of sediment ponds are also

reported. The Order of Conditions will be reviewed at the November 24th meeting. The hearing was adjourned at 7:43pm.

7:44 PM – NOI 184-0376 - Tom Pineau of 25 Sandy Beach Road: The property owner wishes to rebuild and repair a pre-existing failing wall. Discussion about what type of sediment barriers may be required such as silt fence and wattles to protect the lake. Ultimately decided nothing in the lake bed would be acceptable and as the work area is flat and narrow in depth, no other barriers would be necessary. The wall to be deconstructed and rebuilt in sections that can be completed in a day. It will take three to four days to complete the work. It was agreed that a date would be added to Creative Exteriors sketch of the site plan per the DEP's suggestion of Nov. 10. Also as noted by DEP, 50 linear feet of bank needs to be added to the description in the OOC. Jess to get the corrected OOC to Jim Gorman at Creative Exteriors on Thursday, Nov 12 and she told Jim how to send it to the Hampden Registry of Deeds to be recorded. Sam Spratlin motioned we approve the amended OOC and Kaitlin Laabs seconded. The hearing was closed at 8:02.

8:03 – South Basin Boat Ramp/FHRA : Chris McCooe presented by phone. The ramp needs to be evened out by hand during drawdown for smooth boat handling. A constant 24 inch drawdown was requested. A turbidity curtain will be used.

Round Table:

DEP 184-0289 - Jess Chaffee has received a request for a Certificate of Compliance for 53 Mashapaug Road for a seven year old OOC to build the house on this lot. It needs to be signed off and completed as a close of sale is pending. The owner wants to discontinue the marina and make it a residence only. This request was received from their real estate agent Nov. 10 – a closing has been scheduled for November 12. Sam moved to sign the OOC and Dawn seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. Jess will submit the OOC electronically on November 12th.

Jess Chaffee will meet with Becky Hilbig for training, potentially November 12.

Dawn Kamay will present for us at the town meeting on November 17th in regards to our warrant for \$20K/year to hire a consultant to act as Conservation Agent to the Commission.

The road washout at 31 Pine Tree Drive was brought up. Majority believe this is not under our jurisdiction and will be referred to the Highway Department.

Planned site visits and agenda for the next meeting:

184-0379 – 8 Shore Lane – Septic system installation – engineering plans were sent to all commissioners.

Continuance of Highway Department Bundle – Kaitlin will send a copy of the old Highway OOC.

Kathy McKenna, Jess Chaffee and Kaitlin Laabs all wish to step down due to personal demands on their lives. It was suggested Dawn Kamay will eventually chair the Commission after training.

It was also noted that all Conservation Commission files must be returned to Town Hall.

Dawn Kamay made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sam Spratlin seconded the motion. The meeting was closed at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Beal

Acting Secretary