

Holland Conservation Commission
27 Sturbridge Road, Holland MA 01521
HCC Minutes March 23, 2021

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

NOTE: This meeting is being recorded on audio.

Members Attending Remotely: Dawn Kamay, Acting Chair; Marcia Beal; Sam Spratlin
Non-member Recording Secretary: Kathy McKenna.

Members Absent: Kaitlin Laabs; Jessica Chaffee

Meeting called to order at 6:38 pm by Dawn Kamay

Approval of Minutes from 2/9/2021: Sam made a motion to approve the minutes from 3/9/2021; Marcia seconded. All in favor; motion passed with a yes vote from the following members. **Members who verbally voted in favor:** Dawn Kamay, Sam Spratlin, Marcia Beal **Verbally opposed:** None

Concom Correspondence Since March 9, 2021

Emails:

3/12/21

- Kevin Palmer with RDA form and information /website for the Aqua Sweep product. Forwarded to all Commissioners for review. He will drop a check for the ad later.

3/15/21

- Jeremy Degler with Tighe Bond with notice of utility pole replacement along the large causeway (Mashapaug Rd). NOI copy received regarding and will be filed at Town Hall in the Concom room.
- Jess Chaffee Wales that 33 Lee Av wishes to complete plantings this Spring per the OOC and then ask for follow up by the Commission.
- Joey Wigglesworth about Spring MACC Conference sign up ops.
- Jess and Becky that the ad for the RDA on 105 Sandy Beach has been submitted for print.
- Jaime Walker from MECO with letter re: utility pole for Lee Av - National Grid replacing this year.
- Hugh Brower, Agent for Wales regarding dumping along and into a stream that runs through Holland, farm is at 33 Barney Road
- Paul Burns, 14 Roberts Park asking how to apply for a permit to add more riprap to his eroding lake bank

- Becky that ad for RDA 105 Sandy Beach has been submitted Ralph Donadio, 19 Lakeridge Dr. side-walk repair/replacement query. Try to visit Mar. 22nd.
- Mark Stinson, NOI for 9 Hamilton (Hilbig) DEP# 184-0382, stairway to lake replacement (Creative Exteriors). Wants to change from buffer zone work to bank. Mark will make the change.
- Marie Sorenson – stakeholders virtual meeting re: watershed plan work for Holland for 319 grant on March 17. Dawn and Sam attended.

Phone Messages:

Messages picked up 3/15/21 as follows:

- Dave from the septic company doing 15 Maiden Lane (Beaudreau) that silt fence and waddles are in place and requesting we inspect same. Dawn will call and tell him Concom members drop by Thursday, March 18.
- Hanna re: Lot 12 Vinton Rd. Wants to know how much may be wetlands and any other info Concom may be able to offer. Jessica responded.
- Jeff Gagne submitted a tree removal last fall and hasn't heard from us. 29 Lee Ave. Sam will respond as Dawn will contact Sam.
- Erin Lagarras, dead tree. Sent message to Sam
- 14 Roberts Park Rd (yellow house) wants to add more riprap to an eroding bank. Site visit scheduled for March 22

Mail:

- (2) copies of NOI from Tighe Bond for the large causeway pole replacements with fee check

COC Rich Heinemann/27 Candlewood Drive: A site visit noted that there was some exposed bank area by the new patio that needs to be stabilized. A COC will be issued when the bank is stabilized with ground cover. Dawn will email Heinemann's regarding this.

Review of Site Visits:

- **11B/11A Lakeridge Road/Berg (RDA to rebuild decks):** Site visit indicated the rain garden will be sufficient for mitigation.
- **33 Lee Avenue:** Site visit was not scheduled. It will be done at a later date.
- **326 Mashapaug Road/Breor (NOI # 184-0361):** Site inspection noted significant erosion on south side of property. The yard elevations were questioned as it appeared to be elevated above grade. Dawn will ask Jessica and Kate to make a site visit, and the concerns will be discussed at the next meeting after all commissioners have made a site visit.
- **Maiden Lane/Boudreau (RDA/Septic System):** The contractor is moving the shed a little further than originally indicated to allow for a gravity fed leach field. The tank was moved to eliminate pumping uphill.
- **14 Roberts Park Road/Paul Burns:** He is replacing his stairs and wants to use a prefabricated aluminum stairs and add cobble stones/rip-rap to stabilize the bank.

- **19 Lakeridge/Ralph Donadio:** He wants to replace a 3 foot wall about 20 feet from the water and install a new natural stone pathway to the lake. Landscape Evolution will be doing the project. He was advised to complete a NOI.
- **9 Hamilton Drive/ Becky Hillbig (NOI 184-0382):** Creative exteriors will be replacing a rotting wood stairway with all natural stone steps and a railing. Public hearing will be scheduled for the next meeting on April 13, 2021.

Review of Tree Removal Applications:

- 41, 43 and 45 Shore Drive: 41, 43 (9 trees) & 45 (4 Trees)—they were not out of compliance. All trees removed were approved by Conservation.

New Tree Removal Applications:

- 184 Mashapaug: Marcia and Sam on Thursday 3/25/21

New Site Visits:

- 33 Lee Ave.
- 184 Mashapaug/Erin Lagards/tree removal: Marcia and Sam to visit on Thursday 3/25/21
- 9 Hamilton Drive/ Becky Hillbig (NOI #184-0342)
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62 Shore Drive Complaint: A site visit found that there is a permanent dock installed on the right-of-way that sticks out about 8 feet and blocks boat access. The bank is very steep and there was digging into the bank to install the dock. A NOI was never filed for digging in the bank and bank erosion was noted on the site visit. Dawn registered concerns about getting involved with right-of-ways and deeded rights. She also noted that the dock by-law was revised and approved in 2007 and the Attorney General approved the changes in the by-laws. On March 31 there will be a virtual Public Meeting to review the 2007 dock by-laws. Dawn will be meeting with the building inspector regarding 62 Shore Drive.

Pollution Concerns Barney Road (Complain from Wales): Dawn to schedule a site visit to check the property on the Holland side of Barney Road.

7:30 pm Interview with Colleen Foerster: Dawn canceled the interview since both Jessica and Kaitlin would not be in attendance.

Future Responsibilities for Members:

- Sam will continue to be responsible for Tree Removal Applications.
- Marcia will be responsible to monitor phone calls.
- Dawn will continue to monitor emails.

**7:00 pm RDA Public Meeting
105 Sandy Beach Road/Laura Champagne
Project: Septic System Repair**

Persons Attending Remotely: Dawn Kamay, Acting Chair; Marcia Beal; Sam Spratlin; Mark Farrell, Green Hill Engineering **Non-member Recording Secretary:** Kathy McKenna.

Public Hearing Opened at 7:01 pm

Discussion: This newly designed system replaces an older system and is necessary to comply with Title V. Dawn asked about digging into the slope and wanted to know what will happen to the soil. It will not be stockpiled and will be loaded directly into a dump truck and carted away. The tanks will be totally buried just below grade. There is not enough room on that side of the road to create a leach field. The leach field will be across the street and above the property about 150 ft from the lake. The current septic will be abandoned and the location of the new leach field will require pumping up to the land across the road. Other homes on the street also have their leach fields across the road. One tank is a pumping tank. Dawn asked if Mark Farrell generally monitors his site plans for compliance. He replied he checks the installed tanks prior to backfilling, but does not oversee the entire project.

Motion: Marcia made a motion to accept the RDA with negative determination #3 with the following conditions:

- **No stockpiling of soil.**
- **All excess material shall be removed from the site.**
- **Abide by all wetland protection measures per Green Hill Engineering Plan dated March 18, 2021.**
- **Conservation to be notified when erosion controls are in place before beginning work.**

Sam seconded the motion. Members voted verbally in favor: Dawn Kamay, Acting Chair; Marcia Beal; Sam Spratlin **All in favor motion passed. No one opposed.**

Sam moved to close the public meeting Marcia seconded; All in favor Public Meeting was closed at 7:15 PM.

Round Table

- Discussion about brochure. Dawn will work on drafting a brochure about projects. Sam mentioned that Ellen will be sending out information to Lake Association Members and can include the brochure.
- Communication with Tighe and Bond regarding installations of utility poles.

Adjournment:

- **Sam moved to adjourn the meeting, Marcia seconded.**
- **Members who verbally voted in favor: No one was verbally opposed.**
- **Motion passed**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McKenna, Recording Secretary (Non-member)