

Holland Conservation Commission
27 Sturbridge Road, Holland, MA 01521

HCC Minutes for August 24, 2021

Note: this meeting was conducted in-person in the first floor Community Room, with one remote participant using Go-To-Meeting.

Members attending in person: Marcia Beal, Dawn Kamay, and agent George Russell.

Member absent: Samuel Spratlin, Jessica Chaffee

Member Attending Remotely: Kaitlin Laabs

Walk-ins – George O’Mara of 97 Leno Road and Alex Vargas of 83 Sandy Beach Road

Dawn Kamay called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

The agent’s report was reviewed.

A site visit will be made to 66 Sturbridge Road by Dawn Kamay and George Russell. Also a potential visit to 55 Sandy Beach (Little).

A certified mailing of the OOC for 53 Mashapaug was made by George Russell.

Tree Removal: 8 Lake Shore Drive, approved removal of 1 tree, sapling to be planted to replace it.

Mention of 38 Williams Road – large tree cut down and left it on the bank. No response yet to a letter sent by George on August 4. Letter was returned and resent to a better address for the property owner.

Discussion of 178 Mashapaug, correspondence with Commission and Nancy Schwenker regarding her environmental assessment and regarding a recording of an OOC for the address and it can’t be located at Town or at DEP.

COC - A site visit was made to the property of (Raymond Boire) DEP# 184-0379 at 8 Shore Drive by Sam Spratlin and George Russell. Kaitlin Laabs made a motion to approve the COC and Dawn Kamay seconded the motion which was then passed via roll call vote.

COC - for the (Jay Maccione) property at 2 Collect Drive. Dawn Kamay made a motion to accept and Kaitlin seconded the motion which was passed via roll call vote.

COC – for property at 34 Williams Lane (Carol Burnham) – Dawn Kamay made a motion to accept, Kaitlin Laabs seconded the motion which was passed via roll call vote.

COC request for DEP # 184-0268 – 28 Leno Road (LaPierre, correspondence with Atty. Griffin)– needs engineering certification. This will be reviewed when we have all the information.

7:00 PM – George Omara of 97 Leno Road needs an extension of DEP # 184-0343. He needs to revise his NOI and plans and bring them to the September 14th meeting. He did submit plans for review. Dawn Kamay made a motion to give him an extension until the next meeting to give the Commission time to review the submitted plans and decide if he needs a new public hearing. Katelin seconded the motion and all passed via roll call vote.

7:15 PM – DEP # 184-0386 - 83 Sandy Beach Road – Alex Vargas represented the owners. There is a question of ownership. Dianna Denning has legal ownership, but we need notice from her that she is aware of the hearing and that Vargas is representing her to install a tight tank and rebuild. The Commission requested a letter giving permission for the work being proposed, signed by Diana Denning and signature notarized. A site visit will be made before the September 14th meeting.

Marcia Beal made a motion to accept the July 27th minutes as read and Dawn Kamay seconded the motion which was passed. Minutes of August 10, 2021 were reviewed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Kaitlin Laabs to accept the minutes, Dawn Kamay seconded, all approved via roll call and motion passed.

Discussion of a draft letter from the Commission and bylaw copies to be sent to lakefront property owners. Suggestions were made on how to notify everyone: letters, Facebook page, email blast via FHRA.

Discussion of the ongoing situation with 326 Mashapaug Road. Dawn Kamay suggested a registered letter be sent to Michael Breor noting the current situation and reminder of the deadline dates, etc. George to draft a letter, reviewed by the Commission prior to mailing.

Dawn Kamay made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which Kaitlin Laabs seconded, all in favor via roll call.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Marcia Beal
Secretary



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FM: George Russell, AICP
Conservation Agent

RE: Agent's Report

DATE: 8/24/21

1.0 Items from last meeting or new items:

- 1.1. I have worked with the Assessor on the abutter notification issue and she will now send the abutter listing to the applicants with a copy to us. New packet material has been made up to make sure future applicants are aware of this change.
- 1.2. The list of phone and e-mail messages is at the end of the report.
- 1.3. Tree removal permit approved for 8 Lake Shore
- 1.4. Forest Cutting Plans: We have received copies of the forest cutting plans as requested in the Commission's letter. The plans show, and the town's GIS system verify, that there are areas of BVW, buffer Zone, stream crossings and riverfront on both plans. However, neither plan shows any detail on the stream crossings and we have no way of knowing if the wetlands delineations are accurate or if 310 CMR 10.04 14(a) thru (d) are being complied with. (See last page.)

2.0 Items on this agenda:

- 2.1. Release form Conditions 2 Collette (Jason and Kelly Nolan-Maccione) 184-0374: I have

reviewed the file and conducted a site inspection and all is ready for the release to be granted.

2.2. Release from Conditions: 8 Shore Lane (Raymond and J. Boire) 184-0362: I have reviewed the file and conducted a site inspection and all is ready for the release to be granted.

2.3. Extension of OOC, 97 Leno 184-0343: The formal request for an extension was received on 8/11/21. With the request came the acknowledgement that an amendment must be submitted.

2.4. Continued hearing from Aug. 10 2021 NOI for 83 Sandy Beach Rd DEP# 184-0386: The applicant has indicated he is going to amend the application to include the house with the tank. This will significantly change the filing fee. As of today, I have not seen the revised plans and would thus recommend the hearing be continued again.

E-Mail/Phone messages & calls

8/11/21:

- Returned e-mail from Mark S requesting status of hearing for 83 Sandy Beach Road.
- E-mail Marcia on changes to minutes of 7/27/21
- E-mailed Stacy on need for a member to meet with owner of 10 OTT Rd. and status of 97 Leno
- E-mailed Jay D. on who should get the OOC on 53 Mashapaug- no response however I cannot access my e-mail
- Phone call from A. Vargas on 83 Sandy Beach NOI; he requested a copy of application to send to DEP. He is going to change the application to include the house.
- E-mail from G. O'Mara requesting extension of his OOC for 97 Leno
- Generated a SWO/NOV letter for 48 Over the Top Rd.
- e-mail from Becky Hilbig that COC has been recorded

8/12/21:

- 4 e-mails between A. Vargas and Mark Stinson on applicant/owner of 83 Sandy Beach

8/14/21

- E-mail from B. Terbush on process for stabilizing a slope next to the Reservoir. I have responded. We will meet 8/24/21 at 1530

8/17/21

- Phone messages and e-mail from Chris Capone on letter on Forest Cutting Plans; e-mailed him back

- Phone message from Doug Colum on 53 Mashapaug (abutter) called him back
- Call from Gerry Joyal on NOI permit; set up meeting with him on 8/18/21 at 0900 and we went over the NOI application process

8/18/21

- E-mail from Ginger Little on filing an NOI. Recommended we meet. Set up a meeting for 8/19/21 at 0900

8/19/21

- E-mails from Nancy Schwenker, NSchwenker@CMGEnv.com concerning history of 178 Mashapaug
- E-mails concerning the COC for 34 Williams 184-0358
- E-mails between Mark at DEP and the applicant for 83 Sandy Beach

14. the cutting and removal of trees for the purpose of selling the trees or any products derived therefrom, when carried out in accordance with a Forest Cutting Plan approved by the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 132, §§ 40 through 46, and subject to the following:

a. the cutting and removal of trees within Bordering Vegetated Wetland shall be limited to no more than 50% of the basal area of the area to be cut and the work shall be conducted when the soil is frozen, dry or otherwise stable to support the equipment used; b. except for the construction or maintenance of access described in 310 CMR 10.04(b)16., there shall be no filling, excavation, or other change in topography or hydrology of resource areas;

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c. all soils that are exposed during or after any work described in 310 CMR 10.04: Agriculture(b)14. shall be stabilized to prevent the soils from eroding into Bordering Vegetated Wetlands beyond the work area or into open water bodies, in accordance with the Massachusetts Forestry Best Management Practices Manual;

d. the person claiming the exemption shall submit by certified mail or hand delivery at the same time to the conservation commission and the appropriate DEM Regional Office not less than ten days prior to the commencement of the activity, a copy of the Forest Cutting Plan that describes the proposed cutting and removal of trees and any activity within resource areas or the Buffer Zone. The conservation commission shall have the opportunity to comment to DEM on the plan;