

Holland Conservation Commission  
27 Sturbridge Road, Holland, MA 01521

HCC Minutes for March 8, 2022

Note: This meeting was conducted on-line with some participants in the Community Room. The remote participant used Go-To-Meeting. The meeting was not recorded.

Members attending: Dawn Kamay, Jessica Wales, Samuel Spratlin, Agent George Russell, Marcia Beal, Rick Lundin

Member Attending Remotely: Kaitlin Laabs at 7:00 PM

Dawn Kamay called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

The minutes from February 22, 2022 were reviewed and Sam Spratlin made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Jessica Wales seconded the motion, and all approved, except for Rick Lundin, who abstained.

Phone messages and correspondence were reviewed.

Site visits made:

Sam Spratlin visited 5 Candlewood Drive.

RDA for 5 Old County Lane – deck replacement due to storm damage. The owner will come to the next meeting. A site visit is needed.

Tree Removal Form – Agent George Russell presented the new form to the members of the HCC and it now has time limits of one year to remove the trees and two years to complete the required mitigation. Sam Spratlin made a motion to accept a revision on the Tree Removal Form that was seconded by Jessica Wales and all approved.

Round Table:

Agent George Russell questioned whether tree removal by the Highway Department is included in the bundled active COC. The HCC members believed it was and stated that removal of trees resulting from storm damage did not need a permit.

COC for NOI #184- 0354 – The order for the Brimfield Road project has expired. The Commission does not know if the project was built as planned. We are requesting an as-built plan. An on-site meeting is needed with the engineer and the Holland Highway Department. The design engineer sent a letter saying there were issues about the work done at the intersection of Brimfield and Wales Roads. Per statute we have only 21 days from the date received to act upon the request. The reason for the denial will be discussed with the Highway Department at our March 22 meeting. Because COC's do not require a public hearing, we cannot request an extension. A motion was made by Sam Spratlin to deny until we have full information. It was seconded by Dawn Kamay and approved unanimously.

7:06 PM – NOI # 184-0397 – 5 Candlewood Drive – Sharon and Steve Davies presented a renovation plan to place wooden steps over stone to access the water. Agent George Russell has been working with the owners. Sam Spratlin made a motion to close the hearing at 7:25 PM which was seconded by Rick Lundin, and all approved. Sam Spratlin then made a motion to issue the orders, which was seconded by Rick Lundin, and all approved except for Jessica Wales, who recused herself.

7:38 PM – NOI # 184-0398 – Mike Burnes of 242 Mashapaug Road replaced a drainage pipe, removed 40 cubic yards of soil offsite for a net increase in flood storage capacity, and did some minor excavation and filling adjacent to the roadway. Jessica Wales made a motion to close the public hearing and Rick Lundin seconded, and all approved. Jessica Wales made a motion to approve the COC as drafted by Agent George Russel, Rick Lundin seconded, and all approved.

Round Table continued:

Dawn Kamay completed the Annual Report. She also reminded HCC members about the Open Space meeting of March 23, 2022 AT 7 PM in the Community Center and encouraged members to attend.

Sam Spratlin took MACC classes

Agent George Russell requested feedback from the HCC members on the draft local regulations that were previously distributed to them. This item was tabled until the first HCC meeting in April.

9:00 - Sam Spratlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Dawn Kamay. All approved.

The agent's report is attached to and made part of the minutes.

Marcia Beal  
Secretary