

Holland Conservation Commission
27 Sturbridge Road, Holland, MA 01521

HCC Minutes for April 26, 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 recorded.

Members attending: Dawn Kamay, 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 6:32 PM.

The agenda was reviewed and the minutes from April 12, 2022 were reviewed. Sam Spratlin made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Marcia Beal seconded the motion, and all approved.

Phone messages and e-mails were reviewed. Agent George Russell will check on getting forest cutting reports.

An e-mail was sent to the Highway Department concerning drainage issues at the front of 374 Mashapaug Road.

Sam Spratlin reported he had made site visits for tree removals at 15 Forest Drive, 25 Pine Tree Drive, and 374 Mashapaug road. New site visits will be made at 47 Shore Drive for three trees and 25 Craig Road for the septic system.

It was noted we will need to work on redrafting the Chapter 15 bylaw for the next year's town meeting.

Agent George Russell noted that according to law, it is not permissible to modify or change previously accepted permits at a later meeting. The applicant must re-apply for another NOI.

Discussion of a town clean up day will be done by chairpersons.

56 Mashapaug Road – Owner Jessica Koslowski – discussion continued from the previous meeting concerning a sump pump discharge pipe placed 100 feet from a stream. This was inspected and not found to be causing erosion. The owner plans to put the pipe underground in the future. Sam Spratlin made a motion to allow the present pipe to remain until the owner places it underground, and will at that point return for a permit. Rick Lundin seconded and all approved.

Public Hearings:

7:00 PM – Richard Chaffee represented the owners of 7 Lake Ridge Road concerning two failing septic systems. Sam Spratlin made a motion to issue an emergency certification to permit repair with erosion controls. Marcia Beal seconded and all approved.

7:15 PM – NOI # 184-0400 – 25 Pine Tree Drive – Mike Cara attending. He wanted an application to replace a failing retaining wall, steps and a terrace. The property will be leveled out and when it is finished it will increase flood storage capacity. Sam Spratlin moved to close the hearing, Rick Lundin seconded and all approved.

Creative Exteriors will be doing the work and HCC will perform an inspection because of past problems with permits. They will also receive a copy of the NOI. Sam Spratlin moved to approve the OOC with changes. Rick Lundin seconded the motion and all approved.

7:34 PM – NOI #184-0399 – 105 Sandy Beach Road – Continuance because there was no NOI number or approval from the DEP. The owner wishes to replace a deteriorating wall on the bank of the lake. The owner has FEMA elevation certificate verifying the proposed replacement is not in a flood zone. The owners also wish to pave their driveway and parking areas. Creative Exteriors will work on the wall during the next draw down. Work by hand may start now. Condition #25 will be added to the COO. Sam Spratlin moved to close the hearing, Rick Lundin seconded and all approved. Sam Spratlin then moved to approve the COO with the addition of Condition #25. Rick Lundin seconded the motion and all approved.

RDA – 374 Mashapaug Road, home addition – Contractor Seth Davis attended the meeting and a site visit was made. The requested permit is for the removal of a concrete pad and deck with new construction on the same footprint. The owners wish to enlarge the kitchen. Sam Spratlin moved to close the hearing, Rick Lundin seconded the motion and all approved except for Kaitlin Laabs who abstained because she is an abutter to the property. Sam Spratlin then made a motion to approve Regulation #2 with the stipulations made in the Agent's report. Rick Lundin seconded the motion and all approved except for Katlin Laabs, who abstained.

Old Business:

56 Mashapaug Road – The owners will submit a new NOI.

Breor at 326 Mashapaug Road – placement of a fence is in question and elevation documentation is required. Agent George Russell will make a formal enforcement order.

8:24 PM – Rick Lundin made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Samuel Spratlin. All approved.

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

Marcia Beal
Secretary