

Holland Conservation Commission
27 Sturbridge Road, Holland, MA 01521

HCC Minutes for August 22, 2023

Note: This meeting was held in the Community Room. There were no remote participants. The meeting was recorded.

Members attending: Jessica Wales, Rick Lundin, Val Lundin, Clelland Johnson, and Municipal Clerk Shannon Boyce.

Members of the public who attended: Dennis Sneade of 1 Elm St, Oxford MA; Michael Kozyra of 141 Old Palmer Rd, Brimfield, MA; Jim Blanchette of 3 Massaconnic Trl, Holland, MA; Pat Elliott and James Kane of 10 Bennett Rd, Holland, MA; Brian Johnson of 61 Stafford Rd, Holland, MA; and Andy Harhay of 7 Massaconnic Trl, Holland, MA.

Meeting called to order at 6:31 PM by Jessica Wales.

The Commission reviewed the June 27, 2023 minutes. Minutes were amended on August 17, 2023. Rick Lundin made a motion that the minutes be approved. Jessica Wales seconded the motion. Val Lundin and Clelland Johnson abstained. Motion approved.

The Commission reviewed the August 8, 2023 minutes. Rick Lundin made a motion that the minutes be approved. Clelland Johnson seconded the motion and all approved.

Order of Business:

Site visits made were:

4 Cove Road, owners Chris and Ron Scheyd. Approved removal of four trees.

Tree Removal Applications Reviewed:

None.

Discussion:

Review the Job Description for the Agent Position was tabled. Shannon Boyce will get job description from Administrator Stacy Stout and email to Jessica Wales for review. Agent being reclassified as "on call" support.

Environmental Hazard Mitigation Project. Clelland Johnson spoke to this project. A grant was received to engage the planning commission to develop a report regarding hazard mitigation and municipal vulnerability. Concerns to be studied included, but not limited to, potential issues such as forest fires, power supply concerns, causeway flooding... and the responses thereto. An initial draft report has been marked up and is awaiting further comment. Val Lundin made a motion for Clelland Johnson to continue working on the report. Rick Lundin seconded the motion and all approved.

To comply with the Open Meeting Law, all hearings are scheduled for 7:00 PM. Unless there are compelling reasons to do otherwise, they will be taken in the order in which they appear on the agenda.

Public Hearings:

7:01 PM Dennis Sneade requested approval to rotate the direction of a planned house to be built at 1 May Brook Rd. The original build site was found to be full of stumps. He needs to relocate the build to virgin soil. There are no other changes to the plans: septic and leach field remain the same; erosion control barriers have already been installed and will remain in place. The build does not encroach on setbacks. A meeting will be held on August 25, 2023 at 9:30 AM to consider approving this revised plan. Val Lundin will post the meeting notice by 9:00 AM August 23, 2023.

7:07 PM Pink Sheet presented by Michael Kozyra for signature for order of conditions at Lot 11 Vinton Rd.

7:11 PM Jessica Wales opened the hearing for DEP# 184-0431 Jim Blanchette, for removal of existing home to be replaced by construction of new home on 3 Massaconnic Trail. Blanchette presented revised plans to dig out the crawl space 2' further down to account for fill volume concerns. Stone will be placed below the slab, and there will be openings at each corner to allow for drainage. Jim was advised to send his plan to Mark Stinson at the DEP for comment and approval. He will have to go before the zoning board thereafter if any changes are made to the plans, then come back before the commission. Plans need to show where a gutter and rainwater management system, as well as the location of the dry well, will go. Applicant left a copy of his plans and requested to extend to the next meeting on September 12, 2023.

7:35 PM Jessica tabled the RDA for Alfred DePeau to later in the meeting as he hadn't arrived yet.

7:36 PM RDA for deck build by Pat Elliot and Contractor James Kane on behalf of the owners of 19 Joanie Dr. Plan dated 8/22/2023 was provided and initialed by James Kane. RDA will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting on September 12, 2023.

7:46 PM Brian Johson of J&G Construction appeared on personal, not town, business regarding the tear down of 73 Sandy Beach Rd. The plan is to leave the foundation and remove the debris. Brian will provide the commission with an RDA and a check for \$40.00 for the newspaper advertisement, as well as a plot plan with dimensions on all sides, and limit of work where excavator will not go past before next meeting. RDA will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting on September 12, 2023.

7:55 PM Brian Johson now appeared on town business. The concern is the catch basin on Sandy Beach Rd that caved. Rick Lundin and Clelland Johnson will plan a site visit to consider an emergency order to remove the culvert. Jessica Wales recused herself from this matter as she is a neighbor.

8:00 PM RDA – Alfred DePeau - 5 Shore Dr for a deck replacement - did not attend as planned. Val Lundin will reach out to Alfred to follow up. Rick Lundin made a motion to table to the next meeting which was seconded by Val Lundin and approved by all.

8:01 PM Rick Lundin made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Clelland Johnson and approved by all.

Meeting adjourned: 8:01 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Shannon Boyce
Recording Secretary