



Town of Holland

Conservation Commission

27 Sturbridge Road, 2nd Floor
Holland, MA 01521

Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2023

NOTE: This meeting was held in the Conservation Room, 2nd Floor. The meeting was recorded.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jessica Wales (JW), Rick Lundin (RL), Val Lundin (VL), Clelland Johnson (CJ), and Municipal Clerk Shannon Boyce (SB). Guest Tim Sweny sat in (considering joining the commission)
MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
MEMBERS REMOTE:	None
PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS (Live or Remote):	Jim Blanchette of 3 Massaconnic Trl, Holland, MA; Andy Harhay of 7 Massaconnic Trl, Holland, MA; Ralph Donadio of 19 Lakeridge Dr, Holland, MA.

TIME:	MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: <i>(Member Name)</i>
6:30 PM	Jessica Wales (JW)

AGENDA

(Note all discussions, motions, votes in this section)

- 6:30 PM Review 9/26/23 Meeting Minutes. **RL Motion to Approve; CJ 2nds; All approve**
- 6:31 PM Review Site Visits RL and CJ completed since last meeting:
 - 1 Inlet Dr: 3 Trees Marked
 - 4 N. Leisure: COC added to Agenda for 10/24/23 Meeting
 - 15 Massaconnic Trl: COC added to Agenda for 10/24/23 Meeting
 - 20 Old Acres Rd: Haven't received tree removal application from owners yet. JW will follow up with owners.
- 6:36 PM Planned Site Visits:

11 Hamilton Dr: Request for COC

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19 Island Rd: Request for COC

42 Craig Rd: NOI added to 10/24/23 Agenda. Plan to rebuild ~58'x4' stone wall along Hamilton Res.

9 White Rd Ext: NOI added to Agenda for 10/24/23 Meeting. Septic repair and Well installation.

39 Craig Rd: Request for COC (septic repair). NOI 184-0260 39

4. 6:36 PM Tree Removal Applications: None

5. 6:36 PM Review Emails & Mail

Re: NOI 184-0430 36 Massaconnic Trl. Septic work starting this week. Added email to file.

Re: NOI 184-0260 39 Craig Road: JW will respond. They need to submit Request for COC.

Abutters Notification for Canna Mountain. RL will attend planning board meeting on 11/15/23.

6. 6:53 PM. Ralph Donadio of 19 Lakeridge Dr (via remote): seeking guidance on RDA sidewalk and existing wall repair to be performed by Creative Exteriors. Work will be hand dug, no excavation equipment on site. Cannot add to existing RDA, must submit new RDA. Added to Planned Site Visit list and Agenda for 10/24/23 Meeting.

TIME:	MEETING OPENED TO PUBLIC BY: <i>(Member Name)</i>
7:03 PM	Jessica Wales (JW)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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1. 7:03 PM Re: NOI 184-0431. Jim Blanchette of 3 Massaconnic Trl, Holland, MA and Andy Harhay of 7 Massaconnic Trl participating. Commission will not require Blanchette to submit a planting plan. Required Mitigation to be added Blanchette OOC. He must plant at least 12 Native Species (trees, shrubs, bushes...) throughout property and add 1 bat or bird box. Harhay would've preferred Blanchette create another privacy boundary to replace the one made by the trees he is removing but is agreeable to this compromise instead. OOC will be available for Blanchette to pick up at Town Hall after the next meeting scheduled 10/24/23. **VL Motion to Approve; CJ 2nds; RL Abstains. Motion Approved.**

TIME:	MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC BY: <i>(Member Name)</i>
7:26 PM	Jessica Wales (JW)

DISCUSSIONS

(Note all discussions, motions, votes in this section)

1. 7:31 PM Shannon will work on Hot Sheets for RDA / NOI files. Create one for Jim Blanchette file 184-0431.
2. 7:33 PM Review planned site visits. RL & CJ will meet 10/13/23 at 9:30 AM and plan to hit all locations same day. Tim Sweny will accompany.
3. 7:39 PM Tim Sweny will join the Conservation Commission. JW will write a letter in favor of his membership to Town Administrator Stacy Stout. He will attend next Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting to be voted into the commission and then will be sworn in by VL.
4. 7:41 PM Regarding water/silt run off into Hamilton Reservoir from between 44 and 46 Over the Top Rd after rain storm on or about 9/30/23, a wetland specialist may need to be retained. JW will speak with Town Administrator to determine who will be responsible for funding the specialist and to get updated as to discussion about this topic at last BOS meeting.

TIME:	MEETING ADJOURNED BY: (Member Name)	VOTES:
7:51 PM	Val Lundin (VL)	CJ 2nds; All approve.

List of Documents or Exhibits used at the meeting:

1. 42 Craig Rd: Pics of existing stone wall in need of repair and (unofficial) plot plan pic
2. Over the Top Rd: Pics submitted showing silt run off into Hamilton Reservoir

Documents and Other Exhibits used at meeting will be available for review at: Conservation Room, 2nd Floor

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Next meeting:

Date: October 24, 2023

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Conservation Room, 2nd Floor

Respectfully submitted,



Shannon Boyce

Recording Secretary

Minutes approved by Board/Commission on: 10/24/2023