



# Town of Holland

## Conservation Commission

27 Sturbridge Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Holland, MA 01521

### Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2023

**NOTE:** This meeting was held in the Conservation Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. The meeting was recorded.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Jessica Wales (JW), Rick Lundin (RL), Val Lundin (VL), Clelland Johnson (CJ), Tim Sweny (TS), and Municipal Clerk Shannon Boyce (SB).
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>	None
<b>MEMBERS REMOTE:</b>	None
<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS (Live or Remote):</b>	Jim Blanchette of 3 Massaconnic Trl; Brian Ware of 36 Massaconnic Trl; Brian Bachand of Masonry Plus and Contractor Steve Roy for 15 Craig Rd; Richard & Carol Asselin of 15 Craig Rd; Thomas Flynn & Alyssa Walczak of T.D.I. for 7 Vinton Ln.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:</b> <i>(Member Name)</i>
6:31 PM	Jessica Wales (JW)

### AGENDA

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

1. 6:32 PM Review 10/24/23 Meeting Minutes. **RL Motion to Approve; CJ 2nds; All in Favor; Approved.**

2. 6:32 PM Table Agenda to take Walk-ins:

6:34 PM 3 Massaconnic Trl: NOI 184-0433. Jim Blanchette provided another copy of Certificate of Compliance (COC) with wet signatures to file with the Registry of Deeds.

6:38 PM 36 Massaconnic Trl: NOI 184-0430 (septic work). Request for COC. **RL Motion to Approve COC; CJ 2nds; All Approve.** Brian Ware provided signed copy at meeting.

6:40 PM 33 Lee Ave: NOI 184-0439. Owners Brian and Ellen Scully will be on the agenda for the meeting scheduled 11/28/23 but attended this meeting as walk-ins with questions. They provided photos of the rock wall in need of repair for their file. Mark Stinson from DEP commented on their application requesting a brief description of the project. He also noted there is an open COC on file that was never recorded with the Registry of Deeds. JW added the COC issue to the 11/28 agenda so the Scully's can be provided another copy with wet signatures to record with the Registry.

3. 6:53 PM Planned Site Visits:

33 Lee Ave: NOI 184-0439. Rock Wall Repair

Massaconnic Trail: NOI 184-0438. Bank Stabilization

7 Williams Ln: Tree Removal Application. Will provide owner with signed copy of application at site visit.

4. 6:57 PM Tree Removal Applications:

RL & CJ signed the tree removal application for 28 Williams Rd. JW filed and SB will mail a signed copy to the applicant.

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 NOI 184-0436 15 Craig Rd. Brian Bachand of Masonry Plus and Contractor Steve Roy speaking; Owners Richard & Carol Asselin in attendance. Brian Bachand spoke to the dry lake stone wall repair. He will remove repair sections and resolve drainage issue. May need a small tractor on site. Steve Roy spoke to the attached deck work to help with handicap accessibility. He provided a plan. It will be a free-floating deck set on 8" concrete blocks. A new walkway will be added as well. **RL Motion to close meeting; CJ 2nds; All in Favor. JW closed meeting at 7:17 PM. RL Motion to Approve with conditions as provided; CJ 2nds; All in Favor. Motion Approved. SB uploaded OOC to eDEP. Copy of Order of Conditions (OOC) provided to contractor at meeting.**
2. 7:19 PM 7 Vinton Ln: NOI 184-0437. Thomas Flynn & Alyssa Walczak of T.D.I. speaking. Rebuild timber retaining wall using same bedding and dimensions. Toxicity report provided showing no potential adverse effects to wildlife/fish. Mark Stinson from DEP commented on their application suggesting revegetation post construction. T.D.I. agrees to plant 3 native shrubs on property (signed/dated). SB will upload OOC to eDEP after T.D.I. sends in "before photos" to attach to submittal. **RL Motion to close meeting; CJ 2nds; All in Favor. JW closed meeting at 7:31 PM. RL Motion to Approve with conditions as stated; CJ 2nds; All in Favor. Motion Approved.**

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC BY:</b> <i>(Member Name)</i>
7:31 PM	Jessica Wales (JW)

## DISCUSSIONS

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1. 7:35 PM JW nominated CJ to join Friends of Hamilton Reservoir Association (FHRA) subcommittee. RL Motion for CJ to join subcommittee. All in Favor. Motion Approved.
2. 7:41 PM Reviewed email from Opacum Land Trust regarding Canna Mountain project - how this project may affect any surrounding wetlands. RL suggested the Commission use technical research funds to fund a study. JW stated the Commission can require the owner to fund and provide a study and that the Commission could also bring in an agent to oversee the project.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>MEETING ADJOURNED BY:</b> <i>(Member Name)</i>	<b>VOTES:</b>
7:53 PM	Rick Lundin (RL)	CJ 2nds; All approve. JW Closed.

### List of Documents or Exhibits used at the meeting:

1. 33 Lee Ave: Pictures of rock wall needing repair
2. 15 Craig Rd: Contractor plans for free-floating deck
3. 7 Vinton Ln: Manufacturer's Toxicity Report for Timber

*Documents and Other Exhibits used at meeting will be available for review at:* Conservation Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

### Next meeting:

Date: November 28, 2023

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Conservation Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Respectfully submitted,

  
Shannon Boyce

Recording Secretary

Minutes approved by Board/Commission on: 11/28/2023