



# Town of Holland

## Conservation Commission

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

### Meeting Minutes for February 27, 2024

**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), Clelland Johnson (CJ), Rick Lundin (RL), 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>	Michael Harpin of 8 Brandon St (considering joining Commission); Contractor Stephen Farrow and Homeowner Paul Ware for 36 Massaconnic Trl; Homeowner Michael Fitzbach for 15 Alexander Rd; Contractor David Magazu and Homeowner Amy Griswold-Rocchi for 7 Waterfront Way.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:</b> <i>(Member Name)</i>
6:32 PM	Jessica Wales (JW)

### AGENDA

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

1. 6:32 PM Review 1/9/24 Meeting Minutes. RL Motion to Approve as Amended; CJ 2nds; All in Favor; Approved.

2. 6:33 PM Review Site Visits:

15 Alexander Rd: On tonight's agenda. Members have no comments from site visit.

36 Massaconnic Trl: On tonight's agenda. RL noted the footprint for the new build is larger than the original footprint, so setbacks could be an issue for building. JW said this concern is not part of ConCom's jurisdiction.

7 Waterfront Way: RL noted work already being done when he conducted a site visit.

3. 6:34 PM Planned Site Visits:

None.

4. 6:34 PM Review Emails. SB will as the Assistant to the Town Administrator for a copy of ConCom’s submission last year for the annual report so we can review, revise, and submit as needed.

5. 6:35 PM Tree Removal Applications:

None.

SB will add 2024’s Tree Removal Applications to the 2023 binder and update the cover sheet.

6. 6:39 PM Stipends & Reimbursements:

Members have not received their stipends for the last half of 2023 yet. SB submitted the form in December and will reach out to the accountant for an update.

TS submitted a MACC Invoice for the fundamentals training he took in January. SB will process and submit to accountant for payment.

7. 6:40 PM Discussions:

JW explained the role of ConCom to prospective new Commission Member Michael Harpin.

CJ has nothing new to report re: hydroraking. Another meeting is in the works, no date set yet.

RL provided Lake Oversight Committee update. They’re inquiring about treating the water. There’s a study done in November then again around March. RL doesn’t think both studies are necessary, and LOC could rely on the November study. They need to get bids for it. RL will stay on as ConCom Liaison.

RL’s term on ConCom ends in June. He may not remain on the Commission thereafter.

TIME:	MEETING OPENED TO PUBLIC BY: <i>(Member Name)</i>
7:00 PM	Jessica Wales (JW)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

1. 7:00 PM 15 Alexander Rd. Homeowner Michael Fitzbach attending virtually. Tighe & Bond / National Grid reps are not in attendance. JW delayed meeting to give all attendees a chance to arrive.
2. 7:00 PM 7 Waterfront Way. Contractor David Magazu and homeowner Amy Griswold- Rocchi attending. Project involves extending existing 2<sup>nd</sup> story deck around the house. Concrete footings touch ground – they’re drilling in steel footings. Deck will be ~35-40’ from the water.

7:09 PM RL Motion to Close Meeting. CJ 2nds. All in Favor. Meeting closed at 7:09 PM.

7:10 PM RL Motion to approve plan dated February 14, 2024. CJ 2nds. All in Favor. Approved.

*David Magazu was given a copy of the OOC at the meeting.*

3. 7:15 PM 36 Massaconnic Trl. Contractor Stephen Farrow and Homeowner Paul Ware attending. Demo and rebuild existing home with proper foundation and deck. Existing block foundation is cracking and there is rot in the back. New build will be a larger footprint. No trees will be taken down. Deck will be on technometal posts, not concrete. There will be a 50' buffer. 25' from the lake. Erosion control barrier is accounted for. JW had Farrow mark the well and limit of work on the plan and both initialed these changes.

7:27 PM RL Motion to Close Meeting. CJ 2nds. All in Favor. Meeting closed at 7:09 PM.

7:30 PM RL Motion to approve plan revised and dated February 27, 2024. CJ 2nds. All in Favor. Approved.

Ware let ConCom know he's also planning to move his shed to another area on his property. He asked if he has to come back before the Commission to do that. JW said he will not have to come before ConCom but will have to go to the building department. *Stephen Farrow was given a copy of the OOC at the meeting.*

4. 7:30 PM 15 Alexander Rd. SB reached out to Tighe & Bond / National Grid reps to see if they planned to attend the meeting. They requested a continuance to the next meeting. Homeowner Michael Fitzbach OK with continuance.

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

## DISCUSSIONS

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

1. 7:33 PM JW will write a letter of recommendation to the BOS for Michael Harpin to join ConCom.

TIME:	MEETING ADJOURNED BY: <i>(Member Name)</i>	VOTES:
7:33 PM	Rick Lundin (RL)	CJ 2nds; All approve. JW Closed.

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

1. 7 Waterfront Way. Plan dated February 14, 2024.
2. 36 Massaconnic Trl. Plan revised and dated February 27, 2024.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Next meeting:

Date: March 12, 2024

Time: 6:30 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Boyce", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Shannon Boyce

Recording Secretary

Minutes approved by Board/Commission on: