



Town of Holland

Conservation Commission

27 Sturbridge Road, 2nd Floor
Holland, MA 01521

Meeting Minutes for March 12, 2024

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jessica Wales (JW), Clelland Johnson (CJ), Rick Lundin (RL), Tim Sweny (TS), and Municipal Clerk Shannon Boyce (SB).
MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
MEMBERS REMOTE:	None
PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS (Live or Remote):	Isobel Arthen-Long of Tighe & Bond for 15 Alexander Rd; Kate Landers of 3 Alexander Rd

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

AGENDA

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

1. 6:32 PM **RL Motion to Table ConCom Business and proceed to Public Hearing. CJ 2nds; All in Favor; Approved.**
2. 6:41 PM Review 2/27/24 Meeting Minutes. CJ noted a typo and SB pointed out a revision made since she sent the members the draft. **RL Motion to Approve as Amended; CJ 2nds; All in Favor; Approved.**
3. 6:43 PM Review Site Visits:
None.
4. 6:43 PM Planned Site Visits:
5 Sunset Ln – Request for COC. (NOI # 184-0403 Septic Install). Members will visit site before next meeting (no specific date noted). JW will add to the agenda for the next meeting scheduled 3/26/2024.

5. 6:44 PM Tree Removal Applications:

None.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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1. 6:33 PM 15 Alexander Rd. Homeowner Michael Fitzbach could not attend but emailed the Commission to let them know he is in agreement with allowing this project to move forward. Isobel Arthen-Long of Tighe & Bond attending virtually; Kate Landers of 3 Alexander Rd in attendance. There are no changes to the NOI and project is slated to start "ASAP". JW proposed planting 5 native shrubs/bushes and adding 3 bird or bat boxes to the property. Arthen-Long was agreeable to this condition. Landers' wanted to know if the native shrubs/bushes would be planted where the trees are removed. All agreed that would not be an optimal location. JW stated anywhere on the property would do. **SB will mail a copy of the OOC with Special Conditions to Tighe & Bond ATTN: Katy Wilkins at 53 Southampton Road, Westfield, MA 01085, and email Mark Stinson a copy for the DEP's files.**

6:40 PM **RL Motion to Close Meeting. CJ 2nds. All in Favor. Meeting closed at 6:40 PM.**

6:40 PM **RL Motion to approve as amended with 5 native shrubs/bushes and 3 bird or bat boxes added to the property. CJ 2nds. All in Favor. Approved.**

TIME:	MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC BY: (Member Name)
6:40 PM	Jessica Wales (JW)

DISCUSSIONS

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

1. 6:45 PM 4/3/2024 Meeting to be canceled due to Caucus. JW will be out of State on business during the next two meetings.
2. 6:47 PM CJ updated the group re: Hydroraking meeting with the DEP. FHRA needs to connect with the Army Corp of Engineers to determine jurisdiction (water from the lake flows into their jurisdiction in Brimfield) and come up with a scope of work. They are looking into hiring a consultant. They have a study from 2018. They need to consider: Mass. Environmental Policy Act (MEPA); Section 401 Permit; Section 404 Clean Water Act; and Wetlands Protection Act. They're calling it an "Ecological Restoration Limited Project". They will come before ConCom thereafter.

3. 6:57 RL updated the group as to the Lake Oversight Committee (LOC). They've decided to use the study from last Fall to treat the lake and are determining where they should place signage regarding weed treatment.
4. 7:05 PM Drafted Submission for the Annual Report
7:10 PM **RL Motion to Approve Submission for Annual Report. CJ 2nds. All in Favor. Meeting closed at 6:40 PM.**
5. 7:10 PM RL will be the acting chair for the next two meetings that JW will not be attending. JW will still submit the agenda. If there is nothing scheduled for either of the upcoming meetings, the meeting will be canceled. So far, one Request for COC has been received for the meeting scheduled 3/26/2024.
6. 7:12 PM Stipend Update: members report they are starting to receive them (direct deposit).
7. 7:13 PM TS asked for more info on what hydroraking is. JW pulled up an informational video online and the group watched and discussed it.

TIME:	MEETING ADJOURNED BY: <i>(Member Name)</i>	VOTES:
7:18 PM	Rick Lundin (RL)	CJ 2nds; All approve. JW Closed.

List of Documents or Exhibits used at the meeting:

1. None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Next meeting:

Date: March 26, 2024

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Conservation Room, 2nd Floor

Respectfully submitted,



Shannon Boyce

Recording Secretary

Minutes approved by Board/Commission on: