

Holland Conservation Commission
27 Sturbridge Road, Holland, MA 01521

HCC Minutes for February 28, 2023

Note: This meeting was held in the Community Room. The remote participant used Go-To-Meeting. The meeting was recorded.

Members attending: Dawn Kamay, Agent George Russell, Rick Lundin, Samuel Spratlin and Marcia Beal

Member Attending Remotely: Jessica Wales after 7:15 PM

Members of the public who attended: Stacy Stout, Town Administrator; Brian French, Contractor; Pete Engle of McClure Engineering (by remote)

Dawn Kamay called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

The Commission reviewed the February 14, 2023 minutes. Jessica Wales made a motion to approve the minutes with minor changes including lower case letters for the CMR's. Marcia Beal seconded the motion and all approved. All members will be sent copies of the minutes after changes are made.

Agent George Russell reported there was more dumping on Maybrook Road on town property opposite 93 Maybrook Road.

Discussion: Rebuilding within jurisdiction on the same footprint: The owner of 19 Island Road is replacing a garage on the existing footprint. The Building Inspector has issued a building permit. We will need to do an inspection to make sure there is no disturbance of the property. Agent George Russell will tell the owner to put in erosion controls for full protection of the lake. In addition, work on 15 Forest Lane for a new garage will be done within the same footprint.

The owner of 41 Sandy Beach Road has not submitted his completed tree cutting permit but has cut down trees and has indicated in writing that he needs to remove more. Since two letters to the home owner have seemingly been ignored, upon Agent George Russell's recommendation, Sam Spratlin made a motion for Dawn Kamay to send an enforcement order to the home owner. Marcia Beal seconded the motion and all approved.

At 529 Old County Road there is a drainage pipe believed to be for construction drainage. The Commission will inspect and review to determine what is actually happening.

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.

7:04 PM – Amendment to NOI #184-0390 – Peter Engle of McClure Engineering, who attended this meeting remotely, explained the need for an amendment to the condition attached to the OOC about the

refueling of vehicles. At 7:10 PM Sam Spratlin made a motion to close the hearing and allow an amendment to the OOC to change the distance from 100 feet to 50 feet from the resource area (bank) to allow for the refueling of vehicles. Marcia Beal seconded the motion and all approved.

7:12 PM – RDA for 5 Vinton Lane – Contractor Brian French explained his client wants to shore up and replace the existing foundation walls. He anticipates no excavation is needed. Erosion controls will be put in place if necessary. Sam Spratlin moved to close the hearing at 7:24 PM and made a motion to issue a Negative 2. Marcia Beal seconded the motion and all approved. A site visit will be made by the Commission.

NOI # 184-0337 – Owner James Blanchette has a COC for his dwelling at 3 Massaconnic Trail. He will be sent the Commission minutes from February 14, 2023 to clarify. Copies will also be sent to Dawn Kamay, Agent George Russell and Town Administrator Stacy Stout.

Owner Smith of 324 Mashapaug Road was sent a tree permit to sign and a violation notice since a tree within the jurisdiction was removed and no permit was filed.

At 33 Lee Avenue construction stone was placed adjacent to the house and 100% of it was within land subject to flooding. The Commission will send a letter to the owners.

There are no tree applications at this time.

Amendment changes will be discussed at the next meeting.

8:25 PM – Rick Lundin made a motion to close the meeting which was seconded by Jessica Wales and all approved.

The Agent's report is attached to and made part of the minutes.

Marcia Beal
Secretary