

Holland Conservation Commission
27 Sturbridge Road, Holland, MA 01521

HCC Minutes for August 23, 2022

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

Members attending: Dawn Kamay, Agent George Russell, Rick Lundin, Marcia Beal, and Jessica Wales, who attended after 7:00 PM.

Member Attending Remotely: Kaitlin Laabs

Member Absent: Samuel Spratlin

Members of the public who attended: Brian Skonieczny, Diane Cady, Mark Farrell and Dennis Sneade

Dawn Kamay called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Dawn Kamay made a motion to accept the July 26, 2022 minutes and to table the vote on the minutes for August 9, 2022 until the next meeting. Rick Lundin seconded and all approved except for Kaitlin Laabs who abstained.

Discussion:

Two residents from Maybrook Road made a complaint about the dumping of vegetative debris upon their property. Jessica Wales asked about making signs to create awareness in the community and start a conversation with the area. The Commission agreed. Agent George Russell will write a letter for the Commission's approval at the next meeting and will pursue the idea of signs.

The Holland Select Board had a public meeting with the future owner of the truck stop on Mashapaug Road who wants to establish a truck repair business there. His proposal was well received by the Select Board.

The Holland Board of Assessors notified the Commission that Kelie Morehouse of the BOA is the liaison for the Conservation Commission concerning requests to the BOA and the assessor's office as well as future land uses as they apply to Conservation. Agent George Russell will seek clarification about how this will operate.

Dawn Kamay advised we have received a resume and letter of interest from a candidate for the open Conservation Commission Clerk position.

Public Hearings:

7:05 PM – RDA for Diane Cady of 1 Hamilton Drive – This RDA was submitted about a fence installation after a complaint was received by the Commission claiming the fence installation had caused water run-off and soil deposition on their property. Dawn Kamay, Sam Spratlin and separately, Agent George Russell, made site visits. Jessica Wales made a motion to issue a Negative 3 Determination. Dawn Kamay seconded the motion and all approved.

7:15 PM – RDA for Brian Skonieczny of 374 Mashapaug Road – He requested the RDA for a well replacement with trenching to connect the old line with the new line. Straw wattle erosion controls will be in place. A

dumpster will take all the material off site. Rick Lundin made a motion to issue a Negative 2 Determination in a resource area which was seconded by Jessica Wales and all approved.

7:30 PM – NOI# 184-0408 – Dennis Sneade of 20 Maybrook Road – Hearing for a new house and septic on a dirt road. Mr. Sneade presented the blueprints/plans drawn up for the project by Jalbert Engineering and Glenn Kovoski, a wetlands scientist. After discussion, Jessica Wales made a motion to close the hearing at 7:33 PM which was seconded by Dawn Kamay and all approved. Jessica Wales then made a motion to approve the plan which was seconded by Rick Lundin and all approved. The drafted OOC was then signed and a copy was given to the applicant.

7:40 PM – NOI # 184-0406 – Mark and Lynn Yaglowski of 27 Lee Avenue – Mark Farrell of Green Hill Engineering presented the project to the Commission with their Yaglowski property plan dated July 27, 2022. They wish to abandon, drain and fill in the original septic system that is in the buffer zone and build a new engineered/sand filtration septic system in its place within the buffer zones on both sides of the property which occupies a peninsula. 12” straw wattles will protect the lake, as the lot is very flat. At 7:49 PM Jessica Wales made a motion to close the hearing which was seconded by Rick Lundin and all approved. Jessica Wales then made a motion to accept the plan dated July 27, 2022. Rick Lundin seconded the motion and all approved. The OOC was signed by all Commission members at the meeting and an original copy was given to Mark Farrell to record with the Registry of Deeds.

Discussion:

31 Pine Tree Road – Dawn Kamay will make a waterfront site visit.

2 Leisure Drive – RDA continued from August 9, 2022 – reset pavers and follow up on an emergency order. Dawn Kamay abstained from the hearing as this was her property. The Commission voted to issue a Negative 3 Determination. WPA Form 2 was completed and signed at the meeting. Kaitlin Laabs was not physically present to sign and will sign at a later date.

344 Mashapaug Road – Due to a typographical error on the Order of Conditions, an amended order will be filed in the Registry of Deeds and an amended OOC will be submitted to the DEP and Registry of Deeds. The Commission will absorb the filing fee for this action as it is the Commission’s error.

Agent George Russell wants a new desk. Dawn Kamay will check on the budget and see if the Town can supply a substitute desk.

Kaitlin Laabs is due to have another baby and advised she will be resigning from the Commission next month. September 13, 2022 will be her last meeting.

8:25 PM – Rick Lundin made a motion to adjourn the meeting which Kaitlin Laabs seconded and all approved.

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

Marcia Beal
Secretary

TO: Holland Conservation Commission

FM: George Russell, AICP
Conservation Agent

RE: Agent's Report

DATE: 8/23/22

1.0 Items from last meeting or new non application items that need action/discussion:

1.1. 31 Pine Tree: In your packets are copies of letters and e-mails on this property. I was instructed by the Commission to reach out to the owners for unpermitted work. The responses I have received indicate that there was not unpermitted work. I am requesting direction.

1.2. Desk: The deck in the ConCom office is in sad shape and some parts are missing and/or falling off and cannot be fixed. I am asking the Commission for the OK to buy a new desk. This will be especially important if we do in fact hire the clerk who is applying for the job. Current prices are in the range of \$470 - \$600 not counting delivery and assembly. I have asked for a quote on this but have not received it yet.

1.3. 344 Mashapaug, OOC: We have discovered an error on the Orders issued for this address, in that the map citation on page 2 was incorrect. On DEP's recommendation, a typo such as this can be corrected and the new OOC filed in the registry with a copy to the Department. The Commission should be aware of this change. The recording fee will be paid by us out of the wetlands filing fee account.

From DEP: Wetlands Program Policy 85-4 Amended Orders addresses this, "The Department recommends that in processing an amendment to a Final Order of Conditions, the most simple changes, such as correcting obvious mistakes such as citing a wrong file number or typographical errors, be accomplished by correction of the Order, with a copy sent to the Department..."

1.4. BLSF: we have received clarification from DEP on establishing if a project is within BLSF and will be included in your packets.

1.5 May Brook Road: In your packets will be a draft letter to one of the residents of May Brook Rd. where the dumping of vegetative debris etc. is taking place. This letter needs to be reviewed by the members and if OK, will be sent to this owner as well as the one to the east of this site.

1.6. Standard conditions: I will be distributing revised standard conditions form for your information. I have altered the numbering so as to not conflict with the DEP stipulations.

2.0 Items on this agenda:

2.1. 20 May Brook NOI: This application is for a new septic system, driveway, part of a house and grading. As of this writing, we have **not** received the NOI # from DEP and if not received by the meeting, a continuance is in order. I have made a site visit and have noticed significant erosion from the roadway into the instant site as well as the lot to the east. This is not the problem of the applicant but it is still happening. I also observed piles of wood chips on site and within jurisdiction. The applicant's representative has also been asked to revise the maps to show the erosion control location. I would recommend the OOC be issued with the following conditions: 20-30, 34-41, 44, 47, 49, 50, 55, & 58. In #58, I would recommend that the erosion barriers be 12" straw wattles, not the 8" shown on the plans and that the wood chips be removed

or dispersed. (NOTE: some of the special condition numbers have changed based on the standard DEP stipulations found in the Orders, i.e., the erosion control requirement is now #55 vis-a-via #20.)

2.2 1 Hamilton Dr. RDA: This RDA was filed as a result of a complaint and a follow up investigation that showed the fence in place w/o a permit. I have met with the owner and there was no intent to circumvent the local by-law. The fence does not pose a barrier to wildlife, i.e., there is no barbed wire, it is visible and does not have sharp metal spikes. I would recommend a negative #3.

2.3. 27 Lee Ave., NOI: This permit request is for a septic system. I have conducted a site inspection and requested some additional information from the engineer which has been provided. The work is actually in the buffer zone on both sides of the land. This is a very "tight" project given the lack of room on the site. We have the NOI # and there are no significant concerns from DEP. I would recommend approved with the following special conditions: 23-30, 34, 37, 38, 44, 47, 54 & 55.

2.4. 2 N. Leisure RDA: This permit was filed after an Emergency Order was issued to repair a tripping hazard on the stairs in the buffer zone. The work is complete and I would recommend a negative #3 be issued.

2.5. 374 Mashapaug RDA: This permit is for the replacement of the existing well and will involve digging a trench to tie in the existing well to the new well. The trench is approximately 40'. All work, which should be completed in one day, is in Riverfront which is a resource area. I have inspected the site and would recommend a negative #2.

3.0 E-mails and phone calls

8/9/22

- E-mail from Green Hill on recording info for 5 Sunset
- Received NOI # from DEP -forwarded to Green Hill
- E-mails from MACC on fundamentals et al
- E-mail from Town Administrator of new process for ordering supplies
- E-mails to and from Assistant Town Administrator on issues with erosion at 2 Sandy Beach Road
- **E-mails to and from Kelly Bergeron requesting application process for the position of Conservation Clerk**
- Calls to and from "Jeff" concerning application for 27 Lee
- E-mail forwarded to members on updated GIS system
- Phone call from Jarrett Sumwalt on submission of NOI

8/10/22

- E-mail from HPD on inquiry from resident

- E-mail to ATA on 2 Sandy Beach
- E-mails to and from Tom at DEP on BLSF and corrections to OOCs

8/11/22

- Call from G. Kavorski on agenda for 20 May Brook
- E-mails to and from J. Seidel on meeting with the logger at 107 Union to discuss our comments

8/16/22

- E-mails to and from B. French on permit filing
- E-mail from Richard Ruby on environmental services -forwarded to members
- E-mail to and from Green Hill on buffer for NOI for 27 Lee
- E-mail to and from Kim Horne on NOI process
- **Coresp. From BOA on liaisons with ConCom**

8/17/22

- E-Mail from Treasurer on new turnover box – forwarded to members
- E-mail to and from Kim Horne on meeting
- **E-mails to and from Kelly Bergeron on application process for Conservation Clerk**
- E-mails to and from Treasurer on getting check for recording an OOC
- E-mail to M. Lyman on amended OOC
- E-mail from Dawn to members on site visits
- E-mail to DEP on the status of the NOI # for 20 May Brook
- E-mail to Highway on expiration of 184-0367

8/18/22

- E-mails to and from D. curving calling for an inspection on the erosion controls at 9 Birch
- E-mails to and from Highway on 184-0367 closeout