

Holland Conservation Commission
27 Sturbridge Road, Holland, MA 01521

HCC Minutes for July 19, 2022

Note: This meeting was conducted on-line with some participants in the Community Room. The remote participants used Go-To-Meeting. The meeting was recorded.

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

Members Attending Remotely: Kaitlin Laabs, Jessica Wales

Members of the Public Attending: Michael Breor, Chris McCooe, Mark Mitchell, Joseph Maudley, Tim Martin, and Douglas Curving

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

Discussion:

Michael Breor of 326 Mashapaug Road was present and presented his as-built plan with elevations indicated. His fence was never shown on his previous as-built plan. There has been discussion about his not getting final approval before building. Agent George Russell indicated there were no plans in the file to show and approved the changes. He also indicated the Commission voted in May to require Mr. Breor to submit an amendment to the original COC. Mr. Russell also indicated there would be an issue with the Engineer's required certification for a COC given the changes. Jessica Wales made a motion to indicate Mr. Breor should submit a request for the COC for his project and then submit an RDA for the building of the fence. Rick Lundin seconded the motion and all approved.

Dawn Kamay made a motion to accept the July 12 minutes with amendments as presented by Agent George Russell. Rick Lundin seconded and all approved.

Jessica Wales made a motion to table the May 24th minutes until the next meeting. Delays are due to no HCC meetings in June. Rick Lundin seconded the motion and all approved.

Jessica Wales suggested we handle any walk-in business at the next meeting.

Discussion – 1 Roberts Park

Agent George Russell was concerned about scrap metal and appliances stored in front of Joseph Maudsley's home and asked for removal or his attendance at a Conservation meeting. The concern is due to frequently dropped off items, such as lawn mowers, snowblowers, etc. being left within 10-20 feet of a perennial stream feeding into Hamilton Reservoir. Mark Mitchell of 22 Candlewood Drive and Joseph Maudsley both attended the meeting because the items stored on Joseph Maudsley's property belonged to Mark and were stored there temporarily because the company which normally accepted the items was closed for a week or more. Several people in town dropped items off there knowing Mark would take them to the company. Chris McCooe of 13 Lakeridge indicated Mark is

providing a service which helps the town and its residents. Agent George Russell felt the items violated state statutes, regulations, the local by-law and the “grant” decision of the SJC. Kaitlin Laabs was concerned about Conservation over-reach and Dawn Kamay closed the discussion and indicated she would seek guidance from the DEP.

Discussion - Tim Martin of 29 Pine Tree

An initial wall was made in 2016 but a drainage remediation plan for draining water from the roof is being made using McClure Engineering. Mr. Martin expressed concern over the various points of cost on the McClure proposed scope of work. How much the proposed McClure work the Commission must insist upon is to be determined following a future site visit. An NOI was submitted on January 22, 2022. The DEP has made suggestions and an on-site visit will be made with our Agent George Russell, Mr. Martin and McClure Engineering and any members of the Commission who can attend.

1 Hamilton Drive under the local by-law needs a permit for a fence. A letter will be written to them requesting they file an RDA for the fence. Sam Spratlin made a motion to require an RDA for the fence which was seconded by Rick Lundin and all approved.

9 Birch Drive – Our jurisdiction only covers the slope going down to North Leisure Drive where the retaining wall and a small portion of the septic system are going to be placed. Douglas Curving showed the Commission the proposed site plan from Green Hill Engineering dated 7-13-2022 for the approximately 8 foot wall to be built on the North Leisure Road side (east) and a smaller wall on the Leisure Drive side (west) of the property. Sam Spratlin made a motion to request 12 inch wattles and a row of straw bales be made one foot apart as part of an Order of Conditions for the wall and to accept the septic system. Jessica Wales seconded the motion and all approved.

Tree applications from 9 Pine Tree Drive and 6 Brandon Road were reviewed/approved and sent to Agent George Russell.

The truck stop at 487 Mashapaug Road will be discussed at a future meeting.

8:47 PM - Sam Spratlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting which Rick Lundin seconded and all approved.

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

Marcia Beal
Secretary