

**Holland Conservation Commission  
27 Sturbridge Road, Holland MA 01521**

**Minutes of Conservation Commission held on April 24, 2018**

**Members Present:** Chairperson, Andy Harhay; Jessica Chaffee; Marcia Beal; Kathy McKenna; Sam Spratlin;

- **Clerk:** Ginger Buteau
- **Guest Present:** Kaitlin Desmarais
- **Members Absent:** Anne Hall; Chris McCooe
- **Meeting Called to order at 6:30 pm by Andy Harhay**

**Read and approve minutes:**

- **Minutes of April 10, 2018: Jessica Chaffee made a motion to approve the minutes of 4/10/2018. Sam Spratlin seconded, all in favor, motion passed. Minutes approved.**

**Email Correspondence:**

- 4/10/2018: DEP confirmation of submittal for Joseph Niemiroski, # 184-0346
- 4/10/2018: DEP assigned File # 184-0347 to Roger Woods & Co. for Corey Jovan 41 Craig Road
- 4/10/2018: From Andy Harhay to Don Beal, ZBA noting that 18 Knollwood is out of Con-Com's jurisdiction.
- 4/10/2018: From Aaron Berthiaume with attached pictures about a drainage pipe leading from property on the Brimfield/Holland town line. He raises concerns about impact on the wetlands. His email was also sent to Brimfield Conservation.
- 4/11/2018: DEP assigned File # 184-0348 to George and Jean Thompson, 13 Leno Road
- 4/12/2018: From Jean Curtis, 24 Colette Drive requesting a COC for work done in 1988. This is needed for the house sale.
- 4/12/2018: From Aaron Berthiaume regarding his concern about lot clearing on Allen Hill Road and wondering if the work is being in done in Holland or Brimfield. He wants someone to come and look at the area. (*Andy responded requesting more background information.*)
- 4/13 & 4/16/2018: Series of emails regarding request by Jean Curtis for a COC. Andy responded asking for more background information and Jean replied. It appears that the file number may be 184-48. Jean copied information from the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.
- 4/14/2018: From Andy Harhay to Roger Woods with questions ConCom members had after making a site visit to 41 Craig Road.
- 4/19/2018: Email from Andy to Aaron Berthiaume and Sarah Brodeur noting that the property Aaron referred to in his emails and pictures appears to be in Brimfield. Andy will try to speak with Holland's Tax Assessor when she returns to determine abutter ownership.
- 4/19/2018: From Joy Dupereault that there is new emergency funding to support the expansion of the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program.
- 4/20/2018: MACC is coordinating a series of Free Regional Meetings to address common and uncommon wetland issues. Central Region is 4/24/2018 in Worcester, MA

- 4/23/2018: Sarah Brodeur, Brimfield Conservation Commission Clerk, responded to Andy's email stating the Brimfield Conservation will be meeting to address Aaron's concerns about Allen Hill Road.
- 4/23/2018: From Andy Harahy to Land Planning regarding Cleo Guillette's project. The hearing was continued. *(Andy responded.)*
- 4/24/2018: Emails regarding fish die off noted on Hamilton Reservoir. Pictures of Brandon Cove were sent to Mark Stinson. He responded that Fisheries & Wildlife had been informed about the fish die off.
- 4/24/2018: From Margaret Washburn, Spencer Conservation Commission Agent, with a resume attached. She is interested in doing project review, if needed. *(Andy responded.)*
- 4/24/2018: Correspondence between Jean Curtis and Andy to make sure the requested COC has been completed with the right name and address.

### **Phone Calls/Messages:**

- 4/20/2018: Sarah Brodeur called about receiving an abutters' notice for 2 Collette Drive at the Brimfield Conservation Office and wondered why. *(Andy Harhay responded and left a message indicating it was a mistake.)*
- 4/18/2018: Dave Mullins is interested in purchasing Lot #8 on Vinton Road and wants to build a house with new septic and well. He wondered if there might be Conservation concerns. *(Andy returned the call and met him at the site to look at it. Although the site clearly contained wetlands, Andy indicated that ConCom would not be able to make a determination until a plan is submitted.)*

### **Order of Business**

**Certificate of Completion:** Jean Curtis, 24 Collette Drive—drilled well in 1988. Mary Vigilant was the person who had the well drilled. The COC is for her estate. COC was signed and given to Jean Curtis.

### **Member Comments/Roundtable:**

- **Andy's comments on email notes:** Aaron Berthiaume (Holland Resident) contacted Brimfield Conservation and Andy Harhay about Allen Hill Road. He had previously asked Brimfield Conservation to look at an area near the Holland-Brimfield line, where many trees were taken down. Andy looked at the property and determined that it is in Brimfield and clearly trees have been removed. There is an active beaver population/pond across the street from the subject parcel.
- **Letter to Tree Removal Companies:** Andy noted that the letter to all the tree removal companies was mailed this week.
- **Town Wide Clean Up—Anne Hall via email to Kathy McKenna:** Anne wanted to express her thanks to all those who participated in the 2018 *Town Wide Clean Up* on Saturday, April 21, 2018. The town wide cleanup involved 82 people and about 300 hours went in to this effort. It was a huge success and well supported by the town.
- **Handout for Mitigation:** Marcia created an abbreviated planting handout to give to applicants.
- **Kaitlin Desmarais :** She asked for some clarification about the role of the LOC, weed control for the lake, and dredging/digging in the lake. ConCom members responded.

**7:00 PM NOI #184-0345 Public Hearing**

**Jason MacCione, 2 Collette Drive/Represented by Summit Engineering**

**Project: Installation of drilled well**

**Persons in Attendance:** Chairperson, Andy Harhay; Marcia Beal; Kathy McKenna; Sam Spratlin; Jessica Chaffee, Kaitlin Desmarais, Guest; Steve Bressette, Summit Engineering

**Public Hearing opened at 7:00 pm**

- **Discussion:** Steve presented the plan. Marcia and Sam had made a site visit to see the property. The grade is difficult and the only access is through the beach/right-of-way area. All of it is on his property. Steve said the plan is to put in a spoils pit around the well. Sam wondered if the spoils pit could be bulk-headed with plywood to prevent any overflow from seeping into the lake. Steve noted that he plans to place erosion control barrier around the spoils pit (wattles and silt fence), but can add the use of plywood. The plan indicated 6 inch wattles and Jessica asked that it be revised to 12 inch wattles. Notes confirming 12 inch wattles were made and initialed on the plans. The beach will be returned to the way it was before the work was started. Andy confirmed that Steve has approval from the BOH for the well. The well is 43 feet from the lake. They want to start the project as soon as possible.
- **Public Hearing Adjourned at 7:20 pm:** Jessica made a motion to close the public hearing. Kathy McKenna seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- **Decision:** To accept the plan as proposed with a change to 12 inch wattles and other items in the OOC.
- **Motion:** Kathy McKenna made a motion to accept the plan with the proposed conditions including 12 inch wattles. Marcia Beal seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- **Order of Conditions:** The OOC was drafted and signed.
- **Fees:** Steve gave Ginger checks to cover the Public Notice in the Worcester T & G and the Permitting Fee.

**7:30 PM NOI # 184-0348 Public Hearing**

**George Thompson, 13 Leno Road/Represented by Greenhill Engineering**

**Project: Installation of septic system**

**Persons in Attendance:** Chairperson, Andy Harhay; Marcia Beal; Kathy McKenna; Sam Spratlin; Jessica Chaffee; Kaitlin Desmarais, Guest; Mark Farrell, Green Hill Engineering; Kenney Moore, Septic System Installer.

**Public meeting opened at 7:32 pm**

- **Discussion:** Mark explained that the current system is a small, raised system put in 17 years ago that failed. The plan is to dig out the old system and replace it with a new system—slightly longer and wider and will be rebuilt in place. This is a traditional mounded system. Sam wanted to make sure that everything being dug out will be removed from the site immediately. The mound will be the same height as what is there now. 12 inch wattles will be used for barriers on this level lot. No trees are to be removed.
- **Public Hearing Adjourned at 7:43 pm:** Kathy McKenna made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Andy Harhay seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- **Decision:** Approval of septic system installation with the specific conditions discussed.
- **Motion:** Sam Spratlin made motion to approve the plan for the Septic System subject to the order of conditions. Andy Harhay seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- **OOC** was drafted and signed.
- **Fees:** Paid previously

**8:00 PM Public Meeting RDA**

**Robert Maryyanek, 47 Lake Drive**

**Project: Replace rotting timber wall with concrete block wall**

**Persons in Attendance:** Chairperson, Andy Harhay; Marcia Beal; Kathy McKenna; Sam Spratlin; Jessica Chaffee; Kaitlin Desmarais, Guest; Donna Maryyanek, owner; Robert Maryyanek, owner, on speaker phone.

**Public meeting opened at 8:03 pm**

- **Discussion:** Project involves the removal of rotted timbers and replacement of wall with lock blocks. All digging is to be done by hand. The first row of blocks will go down 3 inches. The retaining wall is 15 feet away from the lake. Jessica and Chris made a site visit and did not see any problem with the site. The plans are to recess the stairs.
- **Decision: Accept RDA with a Negative Determination #3 and the conditions that 6 inch straw wattles be used as a sediment barrier as stated in the RDA: All work to be done by hand and stairs to be recessed.**
- **Motion:** Jessica Chaffee made a motion to approve the RDA for Robert Maryyanek with a Negative Determination #3 with the condition that straw wattles be placed between the work and the lake.
- **Public Meeting Adjourned: 8:14 pm**
- **Fees:** Previously paid the fee for the public notice.

**8:15 PM NOI # 184-0347 Public Hearing**

**Corey Jovan, 41 Craig Road/Represented by Roger Wood and Co.**

**Project: Replacement of failed septic system/new drilled well/ replace existing front and rear decks**

**Persons in Attendance:** Chairperson, Andy Harhay; Marcia Beal; Kathy McKenna; Sam Spratlin; Jessica Chaffee, Kaitlin Desmarais, Guest;

**Public Hearing opened at 8:15 pm**

- **Discussion:** No one showed up for this hearing.
- **Motion:** Kathy McKenna made a motion to continue Public Hearing to a future date to be determined. Andy Harhay seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
- **Decision:** Public Hearing Continued at 8:25 pm to a future date yet to be determined.

**Note:** During the subsequent RDA meeting, David Buccelli gave us the unfortunate news that Roger Wood had passed away from a heart attack about a week ago.

**8:30 PM Public Meeting RDA**

**Mike Hairpin, 8 Brandon Street/DB Tree**

**Project: Removal of 8 tall pine trees overhanging shed and neighbors' home**

**Persons in Attendance:** Chairperson, Andy Harhay; Marcia Beal; Kathy McKenna; Sam Spratlin; Jessica Chaffee; Kaitlin Desmarais; Guest; Mike Hairpin, owner; Dave Buccelli, DB Tree

**Public meeting opened at 8:30 pm**

- **Discussion:** Site visit raised some concerns about property line. Seven pine trees very close to a neighbors's house will be taken down. Stumps and roots to remain in place. There are 4 pine trees that are less than 6 inches in diameter. Mike was given some suggestions for mitigation

and he plans to put in 5 blueberry bushes. Mike hopes to begin the work as soon as possible. He was told that he could begin when the RDA was signed and completed.

- **Decision:** To accept Mike Hairpin's RDA with a Negative Determination #3.
- **Motion:** Kathy McKenna made a motion to accept Mike Hairpin's RDA with a Negative Determination #3 and the condition that 5 native blueberry bushes or other acceptable plants will be planted; tree stumps and roots to remain in place. Andy Harhay seconded. All in favor motion passed.
- **Public Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm**
- **Fees:** Paid fee for Public Notice in Worcester T & G

**Walk-ins:**

**Ed and Patty Fellows, 47 Lake Ave.:** They wanted information and plan to return for the next scheduled meeting when the agenda is not so full.

**Adjournment**

**Motion made by Marcia Beal to adjourn this meeting. Sam Spratlin seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.**

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Kathy McKenna  
Conservation Commission Secretary

CC: Select Board, Town Clerk, Board of Health, Planning Board, Building Inspector, Highway Surveyor, Zoning Board of Appeals, File and HCC Chairperson, Board Clerk, File