



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH
Conservation Commission
Monday, January 11, 2010

Conservation
Commission
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- Present:** Wayne Baldelli, Diane Guldner, Todd Helwig, Tom Beals, Greg Young, and Mo Tougas (arrived 8:00 pm)
- Absent:** Brian McManus
- Others Present:** Fred Litchfield – Town Engineer; Eileen Dawson – Recording Secretary; Stephen Poole – Lakeview Engineering; Jeff LeLand – LeLand Law Associates; Steve Sears – Ross Associates; and Damon Amato – 110 Maple Lane.

At 7:04 pm, Mr. Baldelli opened the Conservation Commission meeting.

- Review Minutes of December 14, 2009 Meeting
Commissioners discussed changes to condense wording for 308 Main Street plans and Mr. Young seconding the motion for 215 Crawford Street.

Mr. Young motioned, Mr. Helwig seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To accept the minutes of December 14, 2009 with edits discussed.”

- Informal discussion with the applicant and/or the engineer for 73-85 West Main Street - the applicant was requested to provide an update on the conservation related progress.

Mr. Poole explained the catch basins, outlets, and pipes on the mapping of Route 20 to be cleared and flushed. Commissioners discussed the discharge piping that Dunkin Donuts has on their property. Mr. Poole explained that 5 catch basins and 3 pipes going across the street are in the process of being cleaned and flushed. Commissioners and Mr. Litchfield discussed expectations for the applicant to button up the site (secure erosion control such as straw wattles dislodged) on a daily basis.

Public Hearings:

7:17 PM Notice of Intent (Continued Public Hearing), 117 Maple Lane, Map 65, Parcel 52, DEP # 247-0981

Construction of a part of the single-family home within the 30’ no-disturb buffer zone.

Applicant: Thomas H. Hays, III

Representative: Steve Pflug, Thompson Liston Associates, Inc.

Mr. Leland explained the details and asked the Commission for permission to continue the public hearing on March 2010. Mr. Litchfield explained the ZBA updates and meeting scheduled for Feb 23rd, Groundwater Advisory involvement, impervious cover (smaller footprint than proposed last month), and 30’ no disturb Bylaw may potentially not be an issue. Mr. Guldner asked that the property be

staked so the Commission could view the property on the site visit. Mr. Leland commented that he would get a new topographical map to Mr. Litchfield.

Mr. Beals motioned, Mr. Helwig seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To continue the public hearing on March 8, 2010 at 7:15 pm."

7:24 pm Notice of Intent, 54 Bartlett St., Map52, Parcel 44, DEP # 247-0984

Replacement of septic system and associated grading within the 100' buffer zone of BVW.

Application: Joseph Botelho

Representative: Stephen Sears, David E. Ross Associates, Inc.

Mr. Sears gave the signature cards and abutter list to Mr. Litchfield. Mr. Sears explained the plans for a new septic system (old system 35' from wetlands, and new system farther away at 51'), grading 25' from wetlands, and erosion control with straw bales. Commissioners asked that tracking pads (crushed rock 2"-3" in size) be installed for trucks on and off the site, and commented on awareness of school traffic at peak times on Bartlett Street. Mr. Litchfield reminded Mr. Sears that an erosion control inspection would be needed before work could begin.

Mr. Beals motioned, Mr. Helwig seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To issue an Order of Conditions to 54 Bartlett St., Map52, Parcel 44, DEP # 247-0984 with the special condition of installing a tracking pad."

Commissioners recommended starting the project while the ground is still frozen (would cut down on the mud and mess that occurs in the spring).

New Business:

- The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2010. Commissioners discussed. Mr. Beals and Mr. Young commented that they would not be available for this meeting date.

Old Business:

- National Grid's request - to apply herbicides along power line rights-of-way that pass through our municipality. Mr. Litchfield explained the plans for herbicides to be applied along the rights-of-way. Commissioners commented that protecting Bartlett Pond would be important.
- 78 Maple Street - Joe McManus's request to modify grading within the buffer zone. Commissioners discussed and agreed to Mr. McManus's request to change the grading.
- 52 Lawrence Street - discuss BOH waiver request to install a well within 100 feet of BVW rather than a water line. Mr. Litchfield explained that the OOC was issued 2 months ago and the applicant applied for a waiver with the Board of Health to install a well instead of a pipe down the property to connect to municipal water. Commissioners discussed the details including: well preference of 100' from wetlands, well needs to be at least 30' from the wetlands, and the piping to municipal would be 250' long. Commissioners agreed that they prefer the piping to municipal utilities, but as long as the well is at least 30' from the wetlands, they would consent to the request.

- Algonquin Regional High School Conservation Restriction – Mr. Litchfield explained the call received about the conservation restriction at Algonquin and Ms. Joseph’s 2006 letter asking for the Conservation Commission to hold the land. Commissioners discussed and agreed that a document requesting signatures was never presented to them, but they would be willing to sign. Mr. Litchfield agreed to research the request and follow up with the Commission.
- DEP on-line – Mr. Litchfield explained that DEP would be going electronic and have begun to hold trainings on the new process.
- MACC Conference – Mr. Litchfield explained that February 27th would be the annual MACC conference and asked that any commissioners interested to let him know.
- Bartlett Pond – Mr. Litchfield explained that the OOC for Aquatics Control (Gerry Smith) would be expiring in April 2010; thus, a 3-year extension of the OOC or a new Notice of Intent would need to be filed. The Commission agreed to think about which option they prefer and would decide at next month’s meeting. Mr. Litchfield explained that he put \$1,500 in the FY’11 budget for a plant survey for August 2010. Mr. Litchfield explained that the plant survey should give more information about when a pond treatment would be needed again.
- Little Chancy – Mr. Baldelli commented on the need to resolve the driveway access issues and clarify the town line with Westborough. Mr. Baldelli explained that the best time to remove the water chestnuts is by the end of June and the driveway access needs to be repaired.
- Broken Docks in Bartlett Pond – Mr. Baldelli commented on the broken docks and need for removal from the pond. Mr. Litchfield explained that letters were sent to owner (Ms. Peters) asking for her cooperation with the Commission to remove the docks. No response has been received.
- 53 Bartlett Street – Ms. Guldner commented that 53 Bartlett Street needs a COC; Mr. Litchfield commented that he would look into the details of the property.
- 42 Whitney Street – Mr. Litchfield gave an update on DEP’s letter to Mr. Anza. Mr. Litchfield commented that he would send an email copy of the letter to all commissioners including the discussed animal control issues, etc.

Certificates of Compliance (none at this time)

Adjourn:

Commissioners had no further business to discuss and agreed to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Tougas motioned, Mr. Young seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To adjourn the Conservation Commission meeting.”

The Conservation Commission meeting ended at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Dawson

Commission Secretary