



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH  
Conservation Commission  
Monday, January 10, 2011  
Conference Room B

Conservation  
Commission  
Approved  
2/14/11

**Present:** Wayne Baldelli, Mo Tougas, Diane Guldner, and Greg Young  
**Absent:** Todd Helwig, Tom Beals, and Brian McManus  
**Others Present:** Eileen Dawson – Recording Secretary; Rick Handfield – MassDOT; Hillary Lacirignola – Weston and Sampson; and Michael Hale – Town of Shrewsbury.

At 7:10 pm, Mr. Baldelli opened the Conservation Commission meeting. Commissioners agreed to discuss the minutes later in the meeting.

**Public Hearings:**

Mr. Tougas read the legal advertisement for the following public hearings:

*Notice of Intent filed by the Town of Shrewsbury for the replacement of existing sewer pipes located within the Town of Northborough on property shown on the Northborough Assessors map 97 parcel 2 with associated grading within the 100' buffer zone of BVW.*

*Determination of Applicability filed by MassDOT to determine the limits of any resource areas at Route 20 roadway from Shrewsbury line to intersection of Tomblin Hill Road*

7:15 PM **Notice of Intent, West Main Street, Map 97, Parcel 2, DEP # 247-1000**  
Construction of underground utility  
Applicant: Town of Shrewsbury  
Representative: Weston & Sampson Engineering

Mr. Hale, Town of Shrewsbury's Assistant Manager, gave the abutter list and signature cards to Ms. Dawson. Mr. Hale and Ms. Lacirignola, engineer from Weston and Sampson, discussed the scope of the proposed work in the three phases of construction proposed including the replacement of 1,500 feet of sewer piping near the town line of Shrewsbury/Northborough (Ward Hill and brook crossing area) that ties into the Water Treatment Plant in Westborough. Mr. Hale and Commissioners discussed the overflow issues that have occurred in the area. Ms. Lacirignola explained the plans to suspend one of the new piping sections over the stream on two concrete structures (Ms. Lacirignola distributed a picture of the piping). The new piping (30'-40') over the brook would be adjacent to the culvert piping and remain at the same elevation as the previous piping.

Commissioners asked questions about the excavation that would occur in the roadway and the planned timing of the project. Mr. Hale explained that the summer would be the time to reconstruct the area due to the summer being the driest time and the water flow would be at the lowest level. Mr. Hale explained that DEP has already reviewed the plans and given approval. Ms. Lacirignola explained that the wetland flagging has been done and the wetlands are further than the 100' no

disturb requirements. She explained that the brook would not be disturbed because the insulated pipe to be installed would hang over the brook (would not be installed in the brook). Commissioners asked about erosion control and requested straw wattles and silt fencing to protect the brook. Ms. Lacirignola agreed to the requested erosion control and explained that the culvert has been inspected and is in very good shape. Commissioners agreed that the site work would be on an existing site that needs improvement and the plan to suspend piping over the brook would be the best option for protecting the brook.

Mr. Baldelli asked for audience sharing; no one responded. Mr. Baldelli asked for a motion.

*Mr. Tougas motioned, Ms. Guldner seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To issue an Order of Conditions to the Town of Shrewsbury for the sewer piping replacement at West Main Street, Map 97, Parcel 2, DEP # 247-1000."*

7:28 pm

**Request for Determination of Applicability, MassDOT, Route 20, Northborough**

Maintenance and improvement of existing public roadways, but limited to widening less than a single lane, adding shoulders, correcting substandard intersections, and improving inadequate drainage systems.

Applicant: Thomas J. Waruzila

Representative: William M. Clougherty, P.E., Mass DOT

Mr. Handfield, representative of MassDOT, explained that an abutter list and signature cards have not been required for state roadwork. Mr. Handfield explained the plans would include resurfacing Route 20 from the Shrewsbury line to Tomblin Hill Road in Northborough this year with a targeted time being the late spring or summer. Mr. Handfield explained the plan details including: resurfacing the road, readjusting, rebuilding, and remodeling drainage and sanitary structures; replacing all frames and grates with hook-lock frames and grates; removal and disposal of drainage structure and pipe sediments; resetting granite edging and granite curbing; removing and resetting the guardrail; and a new guardrail.

Commissioners discussed the project and requested new straw wattles (old ones replaced) and silt sacks placed into the drains - to protect the drains during the grinding process. Commissioners discussed issuing a negative determination.

Mr. Baldelli asked for audience sharing; no audience members were present. Mr. Baldelli requested action.

*Mr. Tougas motioned, Mr. Young seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To issue a negative determination to MassDOT for Route 20 roadwork from Shrewsbury line to Tomblin Hill Road with new straw wattles added along Route 20 and silt sacks installed in the drains during the grinding process for erosion control."*

**New Business:**

- The next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 14, 2011. Commissioners discussed the next meeting date and agreed to meet. Mr. Young commented that he would not be available on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Review Minutes of December 13, 2010 Meeting-**

Commissioners discussed the minutes and had no changes.

*Mr. Young motioned, Ms. Guldner seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To approve the December 13, 2010 minutes."*

**Old Business:**

- 429 Whitney Street - Commissioners discussed Mr. Anza's update with the flagging of the property and the plans to go before the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals to discuss his agricultural plans.
- 333 Howard Street (Mr. Silva's property) – Commissioners discussed the updated report from Mr. Sullivan, project engineer, on the work progress to control the water flow on Howard Street.
- Town Report – Ms. Guldner asked for an update on the town report for the town meeting; Ms. Dawson commented that she would ask Mr. Litchfield to communicate with Ms. Guldner regarding the report.

**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 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Dawson

Commission Secretary