



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH
Conservation Commission
Monday, October 17, 2011
Conference Room B

Conservation
Commission
Approved
2-13-12

- Present:** Wayne Baldelli, Todd Helwig, Diane Guldner, Greg Young, Tom Beals, and Mo Tougas
- Absent:** Chelsea Christenson
- Others Present:** Fred Litchfield – Town Engineer; Eileen Dawson – Recording Secretary; David Backus -58 Coolidge Circle; Scott Wellman – 67 Coolidge Circle; and Bob Gleeson – Abu Construction.

Mr. Baldelli opened the Conservation Commission meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Public Hearings:

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

Notice of Intent filed by Abu Construction for the construction of two residential buildings (# 12 and #13) within the Bigelow Farm condominium project located on Lydia's Way off Lincoln Street with associated site work, grading, and utility service connections within the 100' buffer zone.

7:15 PM Notice of Intent, (continued hearing) 432 Whitney Street, Map 15, parcel 22, DEP # 247-1014

Construction of access driveway, filling portions of site for meadow and pastures for livestock, and construction of a single family house within the 100' buffer zone.

Applicant: SA Farms, LLC
Representative: Thompson-Liston Associates, Inc.

Commissioners and Mr. Litchfield discussed the applicant's request to continue the public hearing, and the status of the consultant's report (Adam Last, representative of CEA). Commissioners discussed the site visit last Saturday and their requests including: markings for the tow of the slope, a drainage analysis, and another site visit on November 12, 2011 at 8:00 am with Adam Last. Mr. Litchfield agreed to send the consultant's report to each of the Commissioners. Mr. Litchfield agreed to send the request of the site visit to Mr. Anza.

Mr. Baldelli asked that audience members not comment tonight due to the Commission's need to vote on the public hearing continuation this evening.

Mr. Helwig motioned, Mr. Young seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To continue the public hearing for SA Farms for 432 Whitney Street, Map 15, Parcel 22, and DEP # 247-1014 on November 14, 2011 at 7:15 pm."

Mr. Litchfield recommended that next month's meeting be held in a larger room such as at the library or the Melican Middle School's auditorium. Commissioners agreed that a larger location would be a good idea.

7:28 PM **Notice of Intent, Lydia's Way, Map 84, Parcel 21, DEP # 247-1023**
Construction of buildings #12 and 13 of the Bigelow Farm condominium project with associated grading, drainage and utilities within the 100' buffer zone.

Applicant: Abu Construction
Representative: Vito Colonna, Connorstone Engineering, Inc.

Bob Gleason, representative of Abu Construction, and Conservation Commissioners discussed the plans of redoing the silt fencing and straw bales, keeping the siltation devices 15' off the wetlands, and re-establishing the flagging (Mr. Gleason agreed to discuss with Connorstone to re-establish). Commissioners requested that silt sacks be installed into the two street catch basins.

Mr. Baldelli asked for audience comment; no one responded. Mr. Baldelli requested action on the Notice of Intent.

Mr. Tougas motioned, Ms. Guldner seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To issue an Order of Conditions to Abu Construction for property at Lydia's Way (buildings #12 and #13), Map 84, Parcel 21, DEP # 247-1023 with the special conditions of re-flagging the site, re-doing siltation devices, and adding silt sacks into the street catch basins."

7:30 PM **Notice of Intent (continued hearing) 335 Church Street, Map 42, Parcel 33, DEP # 247-1022**

Replacement of an existing drain line at within the 100' buffer zone.
Applicant: Town of Northborough Department of Public Works
Representative: Town Engineer

Mr. Litchfield commented on the National Heritage and Endangered Species Program's feedback that no adverse impacts would be incurred with the proposed project. Commissioners discussed that no issues exist and the Order could be issued with the proposed plans. Commissioners and Mr. Litchfield discussed the replacement of the existing drain line with a larger pipe to handle the increased use volume.

No audience members were present. Mr. Baldelli requested action.

Mr. Helwig motioned, Mr. Beals seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To issue an Order of Conditions to the Town of Northborough DPW for 335 Church Street, Map 42, Parcel 33, DEP # 247-1022."

New Business:

- The next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 14th, 2011. Commissioners discussed and agreed to meet on November 14, 2011.

Review Minutes of September 12, 2011 Meeting:

Commissioners reviewed the minutes and had no changes. Commissioners requested that Mr. Litchfield send the Word 2007 format of the minutes to members next month. Mr. Baldelli requested action.

Mr. Tougas motioned, Mr. Helwig seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To accept the September 12, 2011 minutes of the Conservation Commission."

Old Business:

- 300 Bartlett Street – Commissioners discussed concerns with the swale filling up with mud on the property and the need to build a sediment pond to prevent erosion. Mr. Litchfield agreed to address the Commission's concerns with FedEx, property owner.
- 56 Hudson Street – Commissioners discussed the improperly installed silt fence at Maytec, property owner. Mr. Litchfield commented that he would discuss with Maytec the need to dig down and install the silt fencing properly.
- Update on 21 Fernbrook Road – Commissioners and Mr. Litchfield discussed the need for Mr. Gavini to file a Notice of Intent by the Commission's October 3, 2011 deadline (Enforcement Order issued), and the failure to file by this date. Mr. Litchfield commented that a new engineering firm sent an email indicating they would be serving Mr. Gavini, but no NOI filing has occurred. Mr. Litchfield agreed to follow-up with the Department of Environmental Protection and turn over the wetland issues to them. Mr. Baldelli requested action.

Mr. Young motioned, Ms. Guldner seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To issue a letter to Mr. Gavini explaining that the deadline for filing a Notice of Intent was missed and the Commission would be turning over the wetland violation issues to the Department of Environmental Protection for action."

- Schunder Property – Mr. Helwig discussed the conservation restriction placed on the property, and the Sudbury Valley Trustees' interest in a barrier for the cows using the stream. Mr. Tougas recommended asking NRCS for funding as a co-op farm with the USDA. Mr. Helwig commented that in Dec 2011 the property would have ownership transfer.
- Northborough Crossing – Commissioners and Mr. Litchfield discussed the opening of Wegman's (over 2,000 people attended in the first few hours) and the plans for Dick's Sporting Goods to occupy two of the restaurant pads.

New Business:

- New Chairperson of the Conservation Commission – Mr. Baldelli asked that Commissioners consider taking over his position as the Chairperson. Commissioners agreed to consider.

Certificates of Compliance:

- 35 ShadyLane Avenue, Map 76, Parcel 6, DEP# 247-909
- 117 Maple Lane, Map 65, Parcel 52, DEP # 247-0949

- 493 Church Street, Map 40 , Parcel 4, DEP # 247-943

Mr. Litchfield explained that the septic systems have been completed, sites stabilized, and the Certificates of Compliance requested. Mr. Baldelli requested action.

Mr. Tougas motioned, Mr. Helwig seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To issue Certificates of Compliance for 35 Shadylane Avenue, Map 76, Parcel 6, DEP# 247-909; 117 Maple Lane, Map 65, Parcel 52, DEP # 247-0949; and 493 Church Street, Map 40, Parcel 4, DEP # 247-943.”

Adjourn:

Commissioners had no further business to discuss. Mr. Baldelli requested action.

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

The Conservation Commission meeting ended at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Dawson

Commission Secretary