



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH

Conservation Commission

Monday January 14, 2013

Conference Room B

Town Offices, 63 Main Street, Northborough, MA 01532

Conservation  
Commission  
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**Present:** Diane Guldner, Wayne Baldelli, Todd Helwig, Tom Beals,  
Chelsea Christenson, and Mo Tougas

**Absent:** Greg Young

**Others Present:** Fred Litchfield – Town Engineer; Eileen Dawson – Recording  
Secretary; Mary and Vince Mattock – 61 Maple Lane, Mark Farrell –  
Green Hill Engineering

Ms. Guldner opened the Conservation Commission meeting at 7:06 p.m.

**Public Hearings:**

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

*Notice of Intent filed by Mark Forand for Property at 23 Collins Road, for repair of septic system  
within the 100' buffer zone.*

*Determination of Applicability filed by Vincent Mattock for 61 Maple Lane for the removal of 7 trees  
within the 100' buffer zone to Bartlett Pond*

**Public Hearing:**

7:11 PM **Notice of Intent, 23 Collins Road, Map 72, Parcel 24, DEP file # 247-1036**  
Repair of septic system within 100' buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands.  
Applicant: Mary Forand  
Representative: Mark Farrell, Green Hill Engineering

Mr. Farrell, representative from Green Hill Engineering, gave the abutter list and signature cards to Ms. McDonald. Mr. Farrell explained the details of the property including: cesspool currently on site, proposed septic tank and leach field, silt fencing and straw wattles proposed and location, stone fence existing on property, town water, Title V compliance, bylaw requirements for setback 50' from wetlands (proposal is 55' from wetlands), and minimal sand proposed to be brought on site (good soils on site exist). Ms. Guldner asked about the Board of Health approval; Mr. Farrell explained that the Board of Health has approved the septic plans proposed.

Mr. Baldelli asked that silt fencing and straw wattles be added across the property and curl up on the westerly side of the property (near benchmark).

Commissioners had no more question of further discussion. Ms. Guldner asked about abutters; no one commented.

*Mr. Beals motioned, Mr. Helwig seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To approve the Order of Conditions for 23 Collins Road, Map 72, Parcel 24, DEP file # 247-1036 with the special condition that siltation devices extend up around the westerly side of the property to protect the wetlands."*

7:18 pm **Request for Determination of Applicability, 61 Maple lane, Map 65, Parcel 39**  
Removal of 7 trees within 100' buffer zone of Bartlett Pond  
Applicant: Vincent Mattock

Mr. Mattock gave the abutter list and signature cards to Ms. McDonald previously. Mr. Mattock explained the termite infestation in two of the old pine trees, the issues with the other five trees, and the interest and planting new trees. Commissioners discussed and requested that Mr. Mattock leave the stumps within 100' buffer zone, any work is dug by hand, and 15' plantings along the no disturb area.

Ms. Guldner asked for audience comment; no one responded. Ms. Guldner requested action.

*Mr. Tougas motioned, Mr. Beals seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To issue a negative determination to Vincent Mattock for property at 61 Maple Lane, Map 65, Parcel 39."*

#### **New Business:**

- The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 11, 2013; Commissioners discussed and agreed to meet. Mr. Beals explained that he would be away next month; Ms. Guldner commented that Mr. Young would be away also.
- Bartlett Pond – Commissioners discussed the treatment that is due on March 8, 2013 and agreed to discuss at next month's meeting. Commissioners agreed that Aquatic Control should put signs up about the pending treatment. Commissioners discussed a courtesy notice to abutters for pond application and an Extension of the Order of Conditions notice in the file under the Permit Extension Act (new date of renewal would be 2016).
- Informal Discussion regarding replacement of electrical conduit along Coolidge Circle - Ms. McDonald explained the details of the plans to improve the electrical utilities along Coolidge Circle (many power outages due to deteriorating underground wiring). Ms. McDonald explained the proposed erosion control, proposed electrical work, and exempt status under our local bylaw and state laws due to replacement of utilities.
- Informal Discussion: Mt. Pisgah, Ball Hill, and Wrack Meadow conservation area with regards to memorandums from Walter Bickford of the Berlin Conservation Commission. – Ms. McDonald reviewed the memorandums from Walter Bickford requesting the protection of Mt. Pisgah, Ball Hill, and Wrack Meadow and has asked for town conservation members from Northborough, Boylston, and Berlin to attend his January 21, 2013 meeting. Commissioners discussed the proposed meeting and Mr. Bickford's interest in discussing the land, usage, and APR. Commissioners

discussed the possible grants, state park interests of Berlin, and helpfulness that this meeting could have to Northborough. Ms. McDonald asked that Commissioners let her know who would be interested in attending the meeting.

### **Old Business:**

- Tree Removal Policy – Commissioners discuss the draft of the Northborough Conservation Commission Tree Removal Policy and the Tree Removal Emergency Certification Request Form. Commissioners agreed to review the drafts to discuss at next month’s meeting. Commissioners discussed that an RDA would be needed for cutting within 15’ of wetlands, OOC would be needed for cutting and removal of stumps within 15’ of wetlands, and stump removal only would require an OOC within 100’ of wetlands.
- 300 Bartlett Street – Commissioners discussed the property and site conditions. Ms. McDonald and Mr. Litchfield explained that the Building Inspector is working with the applicant for occupancy.
- Town Well Lyman Street – Mr. Baldelli requested testing Bartlett Pond for e-coli. Ms. McDonald explained that Aquatic Control tested levels of e-coli for boating, fishing, and swimming in the Bartlett Pond. Mr. Litchfield explained that the Lyman Street well is on hold due to DPW and DEP involvement with the regulations and testing of e-coli in the well. Ms. McDonald commented that she would touch base with Gerry Smith at Aquatic Control regarding the e-coli testing.

### **Certificates of Compliance:**

- Request for Certificate of Compliance – The Shops 9@20 (Signage), Map 108, parcel 1, DEP file #247-0986

Commissioners discussed the property. Mr. Litchfield explained that New England Development sold the property to another company but would be managing the site.

*Mr. Tougas motioned, Mr. Helwig seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To issue a Certificate of Compliance to The Shops 9@20 (signage), Map 108, Parcel 1, DEP file # 247-0986.”*

### **Review Minutes of November 19, 2012**

Commissioners discussed and had minor changes to the minutes.

*Mr. Baldelli motioned, Mr. Beals seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To approve the amended November 19, 2012 minutes of the Conservation Commission."*

**Adjourn:**

Commissioners had no further business to discuss. Ms. Guldner requested action.

*Mr. Helwig motioned, Mr. Beals seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To adjourn the Conservation Commission meeting."*

The Conservation Commission meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Dawson

Commission Secretary