



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH
Conservation Commission
Monday, August 12, 2013
Conference Room B
Town Offices, 63 Main Street, Northborough, MA 01532

Conservation
Commission
Approved
9-23-13

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- Present:** Greg Young, Diane Guldner, Wayne Baldelli, and Chelsea Christenson
- Absent:** Mo Tougas, Todd Helwig, and Tom Beals
- Others Present:** Mia McDonald – Conservation Agent; Eileen Dawson – Recording Secretary; Michelle Gillespie – 117 Howard Street; Christina and Steve Garofalo – 32 Bigelow Road; David Turpin – 398 Davis Street; and Todd Wacome – Stormwater Technology; Renee Porcella – 81 Maple Lane; Gerry Gustafson – 73 Maple Lane; James Tetreault – Thompson-Liston Associates; and Dan Feeney – Beals and Thomas

Mr. Young opened the Conservation Commission meeting at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Young reminded all that the meeting was being recorded.

Review Minutes of July 29, 2013

Commissioners agreed to review at the next meeting.

Public Hearing:

7:15 pm **Request for Determination of Applicability (continued public hearing), 81 Maple Lane, Map 65, Parcel 44**

Removal of large pine trees within the 100-foot buffer of Bartlett Pond.

Applicant: Kathleen Porcella

Representative: Jeff Legendre

Ms. Gillespie, realtor for applicant, and Renee Porcella, daughter of property owner explained the details and desire to remove pines on the property. Commissioners and Ms. Gillespie discussed the concerns with the large pines that are close to the existing house, and the trees near the pond. Commissioners agreed to cutting down the two pines (leaving the stump) near the pond, but leaving the oak tree near the water in place. Commissioners agreed that the 9 trees marked near the house could be taken down including the roots. Ms. Porcella asked about the process if a tree falls into the pond; Commissioners discussed that often the tree will be left in the pond to decay. Commissioners requested that a crane be used to lift the pines after cutting to avoid disturbance issues.

Mr. Young asked for audience comment; Mr. Gerry Gustafson, resident at 73 Maple Lane, commented on his being in favor of taking down some of the pines near the pond.

Ms. Guldner motioned, Mr. Baldelli seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To issue a Negative Determination of Applicability to Kathleen Porcella for the property at 81 Maple Lane, Map 65, Parcel 44."

New Business:

- Next Conservation Commission Meeting September 9th; Commissioners agreed to meet on the 9th.
- Todd Wacome, Informal discussion: Todd Wacome, stormwater technology presentation
- Asian Long-horned Beetle update – Ms. McDonald gave a presentation on the beetles including: details about the beetles, findings in Worcester area, host trees, and beetle traps set in Northborough and Worcester county. Commissioners thanked Ms. McDonald on the presentation and information and suggested the information be available on the town web-site.

Old Business:

- Informal Discussion: site conditions at 300 Bartlett Street. Mr. Feeney, representative from Beals and Thomas, gave a presentation on the drainage issues, swale issues, pre-development conditions, and solutions including: changes to the detention basins, installing new outlet control system, and offsite cleanup work. Commissioners and Ms. McDonald discussed and agreed to review plans and have Mr. Litchfield, Town Engineer, review and approve. Mr. Feeney commented that he hoped to finish by the end of September.
- Informal discussion: 394 Davis Street – new driveway layout. Mr. David Turpin, owner of property, and Mr. Tetreault, representative from Thompson-Liston Associates, explained the interest in the driveway alteration. Commissioners explained their preference for 3:1 or greater a slope and the need for rip-rap added to the side of the driveway. Commissioners recommended berm along the gutter line as well. Mr. Tetreault agreed to write a letter with the details of the plan and send to the Conservation Commission for approval.
- Informal Discussion: Birchwood Development – walkway replacement. Ms. McDonald and Commissioners discussed the walkway condition and an owner's interest in replacing the walkway. Commissioners agreed that an RDA could be filed or the owner could request a site visit on September 7th for Commissioners to review the site.
- Informal Discussion: 175 Bearfoot Road – sewer force main location. Ms. McDonald explained the issues with the plans submitted including the sewer main within the 13' wetland area. Commissioners agreed that the erosion controls and trenchwork need to be kept outside the 15' no disturb area before the Order of Conditions would be issued.
- 370 South Street – Ms. McDonald explained that the applicant has asked about the conservation involvement for an in-ground pool instead of the above-ground pool (RDA approved at last meeting). Commissioners and Ms. McDonald discussed and

agreed that a new permit application would need to be filed and all work would need to be outside the 50' wetland area.

Certificates of Compliance:

- Request for Certificate of Compliance (continued), 5 Davis Avenue, Map 101, Parcel 120, DEP File # 247-1045.

Ms. McDonald explained that she has been in close contact and site visits with the applicant – still working on stabilizing the driveway area erosion.

- Request for Certificate of Compliance, 112 West Main Street, Map 62, Parcel 55, DEP File#247-557.

Ms. McDonald explained that the Coleman House was built and stabilized over 15 years ago and the owner needs the Certificate for funding opportunities. Ms. McDonald explained that the as-built still needs to be submitted. Mr. Young requested action.

Mr. Baldelli motioned, Ms. Guldner seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To issue a Certificate of Compliance to 112 West Main Street, Map 62, Parcel 55, DEP File#247-557 contingent on the as-built being submitted and approved.”

- Request for Certificate of Compliance, 65 Oak Avenue, Map 76, Parcel 25, DEP File # 247-1033.

Ms. McDonald explained that the property is stable with vegetation growing. Mr. Young requested action.

Mr. Baldelli motioned, Ms. Guldner seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To issue a Certificate of Compliance to 65 Oak Avenue, Map 76, Parcel 25, DEP File # 247-1033.”

Correspondence

- DCR/Mass Forest Alliance – Information regarding upcoming forestry conference.
- Central MA Mosquito Control Project – 415 & 421 Howard Street
- OARS 27th Annual River Cleanup
- Stormwater Basin Inspection Report – 120 Bartlett Street

Adjourn:

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

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

The Conservation Commission meeting ended at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Dawson

Commission Secretary