



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH
Conservation Commission
Monday, January 13, 2014
Conference Room B
Town Offices, 63 Main Street, Northborough, MA 01532

Conservation
Commission
Approved
2-10-14

Present: Greg Young, Wayne Baldelli, Diane Guldner, Todd Helwig, and Chelsea Christenson,

Absent: Mo Tougas, and Tom Beals

Others Present: Mia McDonald – Conservation Agent; Eileen Dawson – Recording Secretary; John Grenier – J.M. Grenier and Associates; Scott Goddard – Goddard Consulting; Sean Durkin – 20 Maple Street; and Tim Dorian – 15 Thayer Street.

Mr. Young opened the Conservation Commission meeting at 7:04 p.m. Mr. Young reminded all that the meeting was being audio recorded for transcription purposes.

Review Minutes of December 9, 2013

Commissioners discussed the minutes. Mr. Young requested action.

Mr. Helwig motioned, Ms. Guldner seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To approve the December 9, 2013 minutes of Conservation Commission.”

Public Hearings:

Ms. Guldner read the legal advertisement including:

Notice of Intent for 15 Thayer Street, Map 105, Parcel 38 filed by Tim Dorian for removal of a downed tree within a wetland resource area.

7:09 pm Notice of Intent (cont.), 150 Church Street, Lot 1, Map 55, Parcel 60, DEP File #247-1064

Construction of a single family home with associated site work and grading within Riverfront Area and the 100-foot buffer of BVW.

Applicant: Kendall Homes, Inc.

Representative: John Grenier, J.M. Grenier Associates, Inc.

Notice of Intent (cont.), 150 Church Street, Lot 2, Map 55, Parcel 60, DEP File #247-1065

Construction of a single family home with associated site work and grading within Riverfront Area.

Applicant: Kendall Homes, Inc.

Representative: John Grenier, J.M. Grenier Associates, Inc.

Notice of Intent (cont.), 150 Church Street, Lot 3, Map 55, Parcel 60, DEP File #247-1066

Construction of a single family home with associated site work and grading within Riverfront Area and the 100-foot buffer of BVW.

Applicant: Kendall Homes, Inc.

Representative: John Grenier, J.M. Grenier Associates, Inc.

Notice of Intent (cont.), 150 Church Street, Lot 4, Map 55, Parcel 60, DEP File #247-1067

Construction of a single family home within the 100-foot buffer of BVW and associated site work and grading within Riverfront Area and the 100-foot buffer of BVW.

Applicant: Kendall Homes, Inc.

Representative: John Grenier, J.M. Grenier Associates, Inc.

Mr. Grenier, representative for the applicant, explained the changes to the site including: revised Riverfront Area calculations, agreement on degraded areas, addition of restoration plans, 80% TSS removal meets requirements for capturing and treating runoff, alternative analysis requirement met, and proposed improvements to drainage of site. Ms. McDonald commented on the restoration proposed to be more than required. Commissioners asked that the culvert near Howard Brook be cleaned out, sediment deposit within the brook is removed by hand, debris cleaned from property, sidewalk improvements, and wetland area signs installed. Commissioners asked about the proposed disturbance and plantings; Mr. Grenier explained and discussed the 48 shrubs and 10 trees to be planted. Mr. Grenier and Commissioners discussed working with DPW to minimize the salt and sand entering the brook. Commissioners reviewed the stages of the project including: erosion control in place, drainage installed first, bulb work, debris cleaned up, and restoration.

Mr. Young asked for audience comment; no one responded. Mr. Young requested action.

Mr. Helwig motioned, Mr. Baldelli seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To issue an Order of Conditions for Kendall Homes for 150 Church Street, Lots 1-4, Map 55, Parcel 60, DEP File # 247-1064 to #247-1067 with conditions that were discussed."

7:28 pm Notice of Intent, 15 Thayer Street, Map 105, Parcel 38, DEP File #247-1069

Removal of downed tree from wetland resource area.

Applicant: Tim Dorian

Mr. Dorian, property owner, explained the plans to cut portions of the tree in the pond and remove. Commissioners asked that no large equipment be used between the grass area of the lawn and the edge of the pond (soft bank area). Mr. Dorian explained that he would wait for the next cold front when the ground would be frozen; Commissioners agreed to waive the 10 day wait period so Mr. Dorian could get started sooner - weather permitting.

Mr. Young asked for abutter comment; no one responded.

Commissioners suggested keeping the Order of Condition open for the three year allowed period in the event that another tree falls and he would like to remove (wait on filing for a Certificate of Compliance); Commissioners agreed that he would need to return to the Commission to discuss tree removal but he would not need to file another NOI.

Mr. Helwig motioned, Ms. Guldner seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To issue an Order of Conditions for 15 Thayer Street, Map 105, Parcel 38, DEP File #247-1069 with the condition that no heavy equipment is used between the lawn area and the water’s edge.”

New Business:

- 141 Maynard Street – Activity within the 100’ buffer of a BVW. Mr. Goddard, Goddard Consulting, explained the bordering vegetated wetlands and intermittent stream were not delineated nor put on the plans, and 922 square feet within the 100’ buffer zone has been disturbed. Mr. Goddard acknowledged that this work should have been brought before the Commission as a Request for Determination of Applicability. Mr. Goddard proposed installation of erosion control barriers along the 100’ buffer zone, all the septic location work shall be pulled outside the buffer zone, seed and plantings proposed to replicate previous condition of the undisturbed 100’ buffer, and permanent markers installed. Commissioners discussed work being done by April 30th; Ms. McDonald agreed to sending a letter stating the discussed proposal, end date of April 30th, and 1 permanent marker installed at the 30’ buffer zone area near the road. A site visit shall be scheduled in May to confirm plantings. Failure to follow the approved plan will result in enforcement action.
- Informal Discussion: Otis Street & Church Street Bridge Replacement Comments. Ms. McDonald asked about the suggestions that commissioners may have for the bridge replacements; Commissioners suggested keeping sediment and salt out of the resource areas, having beaver deceiver installation or design to minimize beaver attraction, and clean up debris on the north side of Church Street.
- Update: 318 Main Street, DEP File #247-1068 – Violation notice. Ms. McDonald explained the that a backhoe had entered the wetland area during the installation of the erosion control barriers, consultation with Mr. Young – Commission Chairperson, and \$100 fine issued for wetland violation. Commissioners and Ms. McDonald discussed the appropriate erosion control equipment when working near the wetland area such as a ditch witch.
- Update: 333 Southwest Cutoff, DEP File #247-1059 – Removal of ECBs and sedimentation. Ms. McDonald commented on the erosion control removed; erosion control should have been kept installed; sediment issues due to wind, large piles, and need for piles covered; and site visit scheduled for tomorrow 1/14.
- Informal Discussion: 20 Holbrook Lane sign removal. Ms. McDonald explained that one owner has requested permission to remove some of the wetland signs on her property for safety purposes. Commissioners discussed the need for wetland signs to delineate the area and suggested rubber edging or planting in front of the sign.

Old Business:

- Update: 394 Davis Street, DEP File #247-1053 – New house location. Commissioners discussed the request for insignificant project change for the new house size (increase of 139 Square feet). Commissioners discussed the trees removed, erosion control issues, stockpiles near the ECBs and questions about the porch and stairs location. Commissioners discussed having the applicant come to the next meeting to discuss the proposed change details and if an Amended Order of Conditions would be needed.
- MACC Conference – Commissioners discussed the upcoming MACC Conference in March. Ms. McDonald commented that she would be sending information via email.
- Conservation Commission Joint Meeting with Planning Board – Ms. McDonald discussed the meeting scheduled for tomorrow night regarding the Lincoln Street School Project.

Certificates of Compliance: None

Correspondence

- OARS Newsletter
- Letter from Kevin Carroll, December 10, 2013 – Commissioners discussed the request for reduced salt areas near the wetlands and Hazardous Material removal – Commissioners discussed more than 1 event per year for residents to bring hazardous materials. Ms. McDonald explained that the cost of the annual event is born by the town and far exceeds the \$10 per box that the town charges residents. Commissioners talked about other locations available to bring oil, hazardous materials, and more.
- Letter from DPW re: Snow Removal Operations – Commissioners discussed the option of alternative salt (Magic Salt or equivalent), environmentally sensitive needs, and need for discussion with the DPW regarding salt storage on Route 20 across from the Police station (many dead tree from the salt).
- Letter sent to Tim Shay re: 141 Maynard Street, work within 100' buffer to BVW
- Letter sent to Andrew Collins of NE Baseball re: removal of ECBs at 333 Southwest Cutoff
- Letter sent to Andrew Collins of NE Baseball re: sediment migration at 333 Southwest Cutoff
- Letter sent to JBJ Construction re: work within the wetlands resource area at 318 Main Street.

Next Meeting:

February 10th at 7pm and Site visits: Saturday, February 8th at 8am. Commissioners discussed and agreed to meet on the site visit and meeting dates; Mr. Young commented that he would not be available for next month's meeting - Mr. Baldelli agreed to chair.

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 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Dawson

Commission Secretary