



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH
Conservation Commission
Monday, February 10, 2014
Conference Room B
Town Offices, 63 Main Street, Northborough, MA 01532

Conservation
Commission
Approved
3/10/14

Present: Wayne Baldelli, Diane Guldner, Todd Helwig, Chelsea Christenson, and Mo Tougas

Absent: Greg Young and Tom Beals

Others Present: Mia McDonald – Conservation Agent; Eileen Dawson – Recording Secretary; Kevin Carroll – resident; and Jim Casa – Monogram Builders for 394 Davis Street.

Mr. Baldelli opened the Conservation Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Review Minutes of January 13, 2014

Commissioners discussed the minutes. Mr. Baldelli requested action.

Mr. Helwig motioned, Ms. Guldner seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To approve the January 13, 2014 minutes of Conservation Commission.”

Public Hearing: None

New Business:

- Informal Discussion: Kevin Carroll, resident concerns regarding wetlands and hazardous water collection. Mr. Carroll discussed the use of salt and sand on town roads in relation to wetlands concerns and public safety; Commissioners discussed research and the town’s use of salt instead of sand.
Hazardous Waste Collection – Mr. Carroll suggested two collection events per year (encouraged more responsible disposal, less dumping, and suggested free disposal boxes for residents) and more advertising via church bulletins, kids’ electronic backpacks, *Patch* on-line, and *Town News* for the events. Commissioners discussed the high cost of the program, private company funds that are not available – were in past years, and agreed that a request is sent to the Engineering Department that more advertising should be done.
- Informal Discussion: Lincoln Street School Project – Addition/Renovation project. Commissioners discussed the plans and the fire department’s requirement for full access around the building. Ms. McDonald explained that a small section of the safety access drive in the northern corner would be in the 30’ no structure (pavement for fire trucks, buses, and delivery trucks). Commissioners discussed the plans to build additional classrooms and a gym on the east side of property(current gym would become classroom space), and the stages of the proposed plans. Commissioners requested that every effort be made to keep any structure out of the 30’ wetland area (paving proposed on north area for buses and delivery trucks), and to provide a full alternatives analysis for the Notice of Intent.

Ms. Christenson noted that she would need to recuse herself from any voting related activity for the Lincoln Street Project because she works for the architect hired for the project.

Old Business:

- Update: 394 Davis Street, DEP File #247-1053, alternate house location. Mr. Casa, applicant and builder with Monogram Builders, explained the plans to enlarge the house and the location of the stairs off the porch on the plans. Commissioners discussed and requested that the stairs be out of the 30' no structure area in proximity to the wetlands. Mr. Casa agreed to cut the stairway into the deck to keep out of the 30' no structure. Mr. Casa also stated that the deck shall be cantilevered and there will be no posts along the 30-foot buffer. He also stated that the upcoming site work shall be completed by Clark & Mott. Commissioners agreed that the project would be an insignificant change (AOC not needed) .

Commissioners took a vote, 5, 0, 0: "The proposed changes for 394 Davis Street, DEP # 247-1053 are insignificant to the current Order of Conditions."

Ms. McDonald commented on the site visits that have occurred every Tuesday. Commissioners explained to Mr. Casa the importance of staying out of the wetlands, no stockpiling in work area, and keeping erosion control barriers in place/stable.

Certificates of Compliance: None

Correspondence:

- Letter from J. Daniel Woodyshek, Attorney for I.M. Golf Corp.
- Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference Flyer
- MACC Annual Conference 2014 Letter
- Letter from Dan Nason, DPW Director
- Zoning Board Permit Applications: 137 West Main Street and 81 Maple Lane

Ms. McDonald and Commissioners discussed the correspondence including: DPW covering the salt pile for erosion control, upcoming MACC Conference, Mr. Helwig's speaking at the upcoming Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference, and letter from Attorney Woodyshek regarding Indian Meadow golf course.

Ms. McDonald explained properties going before the ZBA: 137 West Main Street has no wetlands on the property and 81 Maple Lane. Ms. McDonald and Commissioners discussed 81 Maple Lane and need to come before the Commission with a Notice of Intent filed and detailed plans including: bank and waterline delineation, wetland location, well location, septic location, and trees to be removed. Commissioners stated that there is no need to request informal meeting, all items can be addressed at NOI hearing.

Next Meetings:

March 10th at 7pm. Site visits: Saturday, March 8th at 8am. Commissioners discussed and agreed to meet for site visits and monthly meeting.

Adjourn:

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

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

The Conservation Commission meeting ended at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Dawson

Commission Secretary