



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH
Conservation Commission
Monday,
April 14, 2014
Conference Room B
Town Offices, 63 Main Street, Northborough, MA 01532

Conservation
Commission
Approved
5-12-14

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- Present:** Greg Young, Wayne Baldelli, Diane Guldner, Todd Helwig, Mo Tougas, and Tom Beals
- Absent:** Chelsea Christenson
- Others Present:** Mia McDonald – Conservation Agent; Eileen Dawson – Recording Secretary; Yao Zhang -40 Davis Street; Thaddeus Szkodu – FESCO; Melvin Chan – 216 Davis Street; Mike Sullivan – Connorstone Engineering; Brittanie Reinold – Paul Massad Landscaping; Jay Pittorino – Pitt Pipeline Co; Ashley Davies – Sudbury Valley Trustees; Michelle Gillespie – 117 Howard Street; Patrick Blake – Coleman House; Randy LaClaire – RKL Consultants; and Brian Waterman – Waterman Design.

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

Public Hearings:

Ms. Guldner read the legal advertisement including:

Request for Determination of Applicability for 216 Davis Street, Map 100, Parcel 130 filed by Melvin Chan for pruning and removal of trees for safety purposed within the 15 foot buffer of a bordering vegetated wetland.

7:07 pm Notice of Intent, 81 Maple Lane (continued), Map 65, Parcel 44, DEP File # 247-1070

Demolition of existing single family home and construction of a three bedroom house, including driveway, private well, septic system, earthwork and landscaping within 50 feet of Bartlett Pond.

Applicant: Yao Zhang.

Representative: Michael Sullivan, Connorstone Engineering

Mr. Sullivan, representative for the applicant, explained the details of the planting plan, tree removal (21 trees) that are marked, revised well plans, reduction of impervious surface area on driveway, and drainage details. Mr. Sullivan explained that the house would be a 2 or 3-bedroom house (Board of Health will determine), no stockpiles planned within the buffer zone, and erosion controls would be moved closer to the project area once the tree along the bank are removed.

Commissioners discussed adding construction fencing inside the erosion control area; Mr. Sullivan agreed to add to the plan.

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

Mr. Helwig motioned, Mrs. Guldner seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To issue an Order of Conditions to 81 Maple Lane, Map 65, Parcel 44, DEP File # 247-1070 with the special condition of construction fencing added to the plan.”

7:20 pm Request for Determination of Applicability, 216 Davis Street, Map 100, Parcel 130

Tree pruning and removal within 15-foot buffer of bordering vegetated wetlands along driveway for safety purposes.

Applicant: Melvin Chan

Mr. Chan gave the signature cards and abutter list to Ms. McDonald. Ms. McDonald explained the safety concerns (electric lines), removal of limbs, and pruning of trees allowed. Commissioners discussed the safety concerns and the need for pruning and limb removal of trees hanging over power lines.

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

Mr. Helwig motioned, Mr. Beals seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To issue a Negative Determination of Applicability to 216 Davis Street, Map 100, Parcel 130.”

New Business:

- Matraia Property Offer Letter Acceptance, Ashley Davies, Sudbury Valley Trustees – Ms. Davies, member of the Open Space Committee and member of the Sudbury Valley Trustees, explained the details of the Tri-Town Landscape Protection Project including: desire for purchase of 6.65 acres for \$26,500 at 445 Howard Street, Town of Northborough would own, and request for Conservation Commission funds. Mr. Helwig recused himself from the conversation and voting. Commissioners discussed. Mr. Young asked for abutter comment; no one responded.
Mr. Tougas motioned, Ms. Guldner seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To approve the purchase of up to \$26,500 for the Matraia Property.”
- Order of Resource Area Delineation Extension, 85 Newton Street, Map 7, Parcels 1&2, DEP File #247-923. Commissioners briefly discussed and requested the applicant come before the Commission to discuss request for a 1 year extension.
- Informal Discussion: 112 West Main Street, Patio/Walkway at Coleman House – Ms. Reinold, representative for the Coleman House, explained the plans to add a patio (1,200 square feet), add a walkway (250 square feet), and increase the planting bed. Commissioners discussed the proposed work within 50’ of BVW and 100’ of Riverfront area, the need to file a NOI, and the need to submit a plan (stamped plan not required). Commissioners asked when the applicant would like to begin work;

Mr. Blake, representative from the Coleman House, commented that they would like to begin by Memorial Day. Fred Litchfield, Town Engineer, stated that the patio is considered an impervious surface under the local By-Law.

- 333 Southwest Cutoff: Alteration to Wetland Areas – Mr. Waterman, representative from Waterman Design, and Ms. McDonald discussed the erosion control issues resulting in sedimentation to the wetlands on March 31st, quick response, self-reporting, addition of erosion control, and the submitted plans to prevent future erosion. Commissioners discussed the mitigation efforts, plans to prevent erosion, proposed basin near area 3, and not issuing a violation at this time. Commissioners discussed that any further run-off from the site would result in enforcement action and the cease/desist of all work unrelated to site stabilization. Commissioners discussed requiring engineered plans to address runoff in the event of erosion issues moving forward.
- Order of Conditions Extension, Bartlett Pond, Map 66, Parcel 1, DEP File #247-919. Commissioners discussed extending the Order of Conditions for 1 year for treatment needed. Mr. Young requested action.

Mr. Young motioned, Mr. Beals seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To extend the Order of Conditions for Bartlett Pond for 1 year.”

- Emergency Certification: West Street & Cherry Street Road Repairs by DPW – Ms. McDonald explained the details of the emergency certification needed for the West Street and Cherry Street road repair. Commissioners discussed. Mr. Young requested action.

Mr. Tougas motioned, Mr. Beals seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To issue an Emergency Certification for DPW to repair West Street and Cherry Street.”

- Informal Discussion: 190 Main Street (DPW Garage) – Commissioners discussed the site, requirement for a plan showing stabilization measures, and either an NOI to be filed or attend the CC meeting in May to discuss and address the short term needs. Mr. Nason, DPW Director, explained the plans being developed by Weston and Sampson. The Commission approved stabilization work to begin immediately with notification to Ms. McDonald.
- IDs/Vests for Commissioners – Commissioners discussed the interest in having ID’s and vests for each member. Mr. Nason agreed to make IDs for the members.
- Stormwater Video: After the Storm – Mr. Young, Ms. Guldner, and Mr. Beals agreed to stay after the meeting to review the video.
- 106 South Street – Commissioners discussed the stacked wood retaining wall along the stream; commissioners agreed to monitor the wall and take action if erosion occurs.
- Hunting – Commissioners reviewed the hunting policy. Fred Litchfield, Town Engineer, explained that most hunter requests are deferred due to lack of area suitable

for hunting. The Commission asked Ms. McDonald to contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife to discuss the deer population and possibly hunting lottery in the fall (Oct 15th to end of year).

Old Business:

- Bartlett Pond Herbicide Treatment Update:
 - Proposal Review Committee
 - Community Preservation Act Application

Ms. McDonald explained that the RFP went out today, CPA application, and Proposed Review Committee. Commissioners discussed and agreed not to pursue a study to find the source of e-coli.

Certificates of Compliance:

- Request for Certificate of Compliance, 23 Collins Road, Map 72, Parcel 24, DEP File #247-1050. Ms. McDonald and Commissioners discussed the site being fully vegetated and stable. Mr. Young requested action.
Mr. Beals motioned, Mr. Tougas seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To issue a Certificate of Compliance to 23 Collins Road, Map 72, Parcel 24, DEP File # 247-1050."

Correspondence:

- MassDOT: Spill at Belmont Street Site
- Forest Cutting Plan, Rt. 20 & Valente Drive
- The Wren, Sudbury Valley Trustees Newsletter
- Soil Replacement Over Storage Tank Project, John J. Carrol Water Treatment Plant, Marlborough/Northborough, MWRA
- ZBA Application for Variance and Special Permits for 16 Hudson Street (There are no nearby wetland resource areas.)
- DPW Letter re: 190 Main Street Site

Next Meeting:

May 12th at 7pm and Site visits: Saturday, May 10th at 8am. Commissioners discussed and agreed to meet on the 12th and site visits on the 10th.

Review Minutes of March 10, 2014:

Commissioners discussed the minutes and had format suggestions for Maple Lane.

Mr. Helwig motioned, Mrs. Guldner seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To approve the Minutes of March 10, 2014."

Adjourn:

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

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

The Conservation Commission meeting ended at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Dawson

Commission Secretary