



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH  
Conservation Commission  
Monday,  
June 9, 2014  
Conference Room B  
Town Offices, 63 Main Street, Northborough, MA 01532

Conservation  
Commission  
Approved  
10-20-14

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- Present:** Greg Young, Wayne Baldelli, Todd Helwig, and Mo Tougas  
**Absent:** Diane Guldner, Tom Beals, and Chelsea Christenson  
**Others Present:** Mia McDonald – Conservation Agent; Eileen Dawson – Recording Secretary; Mike Richard – Weston and Sampson; Greg Morand – Cushing, Jamallo, and Wheeler, Inc.; Jerry Cestaro – 81 Maple Lane; Saryna Anza – 25 Reservoir St.; Mark Farrell – Green Hill Engineering; Jim Venincasa – 394 Davis Street; John Grenier – J.M. Grenier Associates; Fred Litchfield – Town Engineer; and Andrew San Clemente – Settles Road.

Mr. Young opened the Conservation Commission meeting at 7:10 p.m. Mr. Young reminded all that the meeting was being audio recorded for transcription purposes.

**Review Minutes of May 12, 2014:**

Commissioners discussed the minutes and had no changes. Mr. Young requested action.

***Mr. Helwig motioned, Mr. Tougas seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To approve the Minutes of May 12, 2014.”***

**Public Hearings:**

Mr. Tougas read the legal advertisement including:

*Notice of Intent for 190 Main Street, Map 53, Parcel 136 filed by Weston & Sampson for the Town of Northborough Department of Public Works for demolition of existing and construction of new salt shed and fueling island within the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland.*

*Notice of Intent for 407 Whitney Street, Map 15, Parcel 3, filed by Mark Farrell of Green Hill Engineering for Peter Simoneau for the repair of a septic system on a single family house lot within the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland.*

*Notice of Intent for 12 Mill Street, Map 54, Parcel 53, filed by John Grenier of J.M. Grenier Associates Inc. for Patricia Johnson for the removal of the existing single family house, construction of a two-family house, septic system and associated site work within the Riverfront Area.*

*Notice of Intent for 248 Main Street, Map 47, Parcel 104 filed by Cushing, Jamallo and Wheeler for Phillip White of Richards Oil Co. Inc./Lakeside Oil Co. Inc. for the excavation of petroleum contaminated soil and the placement of backfill associated with the removal of a former spill containment underground storage tank, the installation of monitoring wells and subsequent groundwater sampling, and the removal of stockpiled petroleum contaminated soil from the site within the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland.*

*Amendment to Order of Conditions for Hudson Street, Map 53, Parcel 15, requested by the Town of Northborough Department of Public Works for the extension of a drainage line in Hudson Street within the Riverfront Area.*

**7:15 pm Notice of Intent, 190 Main Street, Map 53, Parcel 136, DEP File #247-1075**

Demolition of existing and construction of new salt shed and fueling island within the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland.

Applicant: Town of Northborough Department of Public Works

Representative: Weston and Sampson

Mr. Richard, representative from Weston and Sampson, gave the abutter list/signatures cards to Ms. McDonald. Mr. Richard and explained the overview of the plans including: erosion control, removal of salt shed, new fuel island plans on a concrete slab, roof run-off into basin, and overflow device. Mr. Richard stated that the basin was not located closer to the pavement due to constrictions of future development/master plan. He also stated that the basin, earthen berm and roadway first shall be constructed first.

Commissioners requested that the road be out of the 30' no disturb buffer zone. Commissioners asked about the timeframe for the project; Mr. Richard commented that the hope is to complete this season and definitely before the winter. Commissioners required straw wattles AND silt fencing for erosion control. Ms. McDonald requested that all DEP requirements are added to the final as-built plan; Commissioners agreed with her.

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 to 190 Main Street, Map 53, Parcel 136, DEP File #247- 1075 with the discussed conditions of silt fence/wattles added and DEP requirements added to the as-built."*

**7:28 pm Amendment to Order of Conditions, 120 Hudson Street, Map 53, Parcel 15, DEP File #247-930**

Request to amend Order of Conditions for the DEP File #247-930 to extend a drainage line within Hudson Street.

Applicant: Town of Northborough Department of Public Works

Representative: Fred Litchfield

Mr. Litchfield, Town Engineer, gave the abutter list/signatures cards to Ms. McDonald. Mr. Litchfield explained the history of the property and need for the town to extend the drainage line down Hudson Street.

Commissioners discussed the project and drainage calculations being well below the allowed amount, the proximity to the riverfront area, and the safety concerns for residents.

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

*Mr. Helwig motioned, Mr. Tougas seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To issue an Amended Order of Conditions to the Town of Northborough for property at 120 Hudson Street, Map 53, Parcel 15, DEP File #247-930."*

**7:35 pm**    **Notice of Intent, 407 Whitney Street, Map 15, Parcel 3 , DEP File #247-1073**

Replacement of existing septic system within the buffer of a bordering vegetated wetland.

Applicant:            Peter Simoneau, Owner  
Representative:    Green Hill Engineering

Mr. Farrell, representative from Green Hill Engineering, gave the abutter list/signatures cards to Ms. McDonald. Mr. Farrell explained the plans to replace the existing septic system (failed Title V) including: pump chamber, tanks, leach field on front of property, silt fencing and straw wattles, and tree removal. Commissioners discussed.

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

*Mr. Tougas motioned, Mr. Helwig seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To issue an Order of Conditions to Peter Simoneau for property at 407 Whitney Street, Map 15, Parcel 3 , DEP File #247-1073.”*

**7:40 pm**    **Notice of Intent, 12 Mill Street, Map 54, Parcel 53, DEP File #247-1074**

Removal of the existing single family house, construction of a two-family house, septic system and associated site work within the Riverfront Area.

Applicant:            Patricia Johnson  
Representative:    J.M. Grenier Associates

Mr. Grenier, representative from J.M. Grenier Associates, gave the abutter list and signature cards to Ms. McDonald. Mr. Grenier explained the details of the property including: removal of existing house (built in 1855, not deemed historical); construction of a 2-family home; clean-up of property: tree removal, new plantings; installation of new septic system; and restoration calculations. Ms. McDonald asked questions about the calculations (revised plan received day of hearing). Commissioners agreed to approving the NOI contingent on Ms. McDonald’s analysis of calculations and approval.

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

*Mr. Helwig motioned, Mr. Tougas seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To issue an Order of Conditions to Patricia Johnson for property at 12 Mill Street, Map 54, Parcel 53, DEP File #247-1074 contingent on Ms. McDonald’s approval of restoration calculations.”*

**8:02 pm**    **Notice of Intent, 248 Main Street, Map 47, Parcel 104 , DEP File #247- 1076**

Excavation of petroleum contaminated soil and the placement of backfill associated with the removal of a former spill containment underground storage tank, the installation of monitoring wells and subsequent groundwater sampling, and the removal of stockpiled petroleum contaminated soil from the site within the buffer of a bordering vegetated wetland.

Applicant:            Phillip White, Richards Oil Co. Inc./Lakeside Oil Co. Inc.  
Representative:    Cushing, Jamallo and Wheeler, Inc.

Mr. Moran, representative from Cushing, Jamallo and Wheeler, Inc., gave the abutter list/signature cards to Ms. McDonald. Mr. Moran explained the plans including: removal of underground storage tank, removal of contaminated soils, and installation of monitoring wells.

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

***Mr. Helwig motioned, Mr. Tougas seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To issue an Order of Conditions to Phillip Whiten for property at 248 Main Street, Map 47, Parcel 104 , DEP File #247-1076 .”***

#### **New Business:**

- Informal Discussion: 15 Settlers Road – Local Bylaw. Mr. Grenier, representative for property owner, explained the details including: proposed house and driveway within 30’ of the isolated wetland. Commissioners discussed and requested keeping out of the 30’ no disturb. Mr. Grenier stated septic leach field within 100’ buffer, but outside of 50’ buffer due to lack of alternative area. Ms. McDonald explained the requirements under the local bylaw. Mr. Grenier commented that he would stay out of the 30’ no disturb. Commissioners discussed and agreed that a Notice of Intent should be filed.
- Informal Discussion: 81 Maple Lane, additional tree removal – Mr. Cestaro, contractor for the property discussed the request to remove 3 additional trees. Commissioners discussed and agreed that the trees to be removed should be marked, the stumps of those trees must remain untouched, and no stock piling allowed within the 100’ buffer zone. Ms. McDonald commented on the need for a site visit before the trees could be cut down.
- Informal Discussion: 85 Newton Street Site Plan – Mr. Ramadan, owner, was not present to discuss proposed plans. Commissioners requested Ms. McDonald contact Mr. Ramadan and confirm his presence at the next hearing. Commissioners stated that if he does not attend, they will discuss removing the item from the agenda.
- Informal Discussion: 394 Davis Street, retaining walls – Mr. Venincasa, contractor, explained the interest in building retaining walls. Commissioners agreed to allow the two smaller retaining wall as long as a plan was submitted showing the dimensions on the walls.

#### **Old Business:**

- Informal Discussion: 190 Main Street – DEP Plan comments. Commissioner briefly discussed the DEP comments to include all wetland restoration and slope stabilization as part of the Administrative Consent Order. Commissioners had no formal comments to submit to DEP at this time.
- Informal Discussion: 333 Southwest Cutoff update – Ms. McDonald gave an update including the stabilization efforts, the contractor’s receptiveness, and erosion control measures.
- Order of Resource Area Delineation Extension, 85 Newton Street, Map 7, Parcels 1&2, DEP File #247-923. Commissioners discussed the request for an ORAD extension and agreed that the applicant needs to be present at the next conservation meeting (missed last 3 requested appearances) or he would need to re-file a new ORAD.

- MACC Membership – Commissioner discussed the benefits of MACC and agreed to continue to pay membership dues to MACC.

*Mr. Helwig motioned, Mr. Tougas seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To pay dues to MACC.”*

#### **Certificates of Compliance:**

- Request for Certificate of Compliance, 341 Green Street, Map 22, Parcel 17, DEP File #247-1063. Commissioners and Ms. McDonald discussed the property being stable and constructed as permitted. Mr. Young requested action.  
*Mr. Helwig motioned, Mr. Tougas seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To issue a Certificate of Compliance for 341 Green Street, Map 22, Parcel 17, DEP File #247-1063.”*
- Request for Certificate of Compliance, 222 Brewer Street, Map 27, Parcel 36, DEP File #247-1058. Commissioners and Ms. McDonald discussed the property being stable and constructed as permitted.. Mr. Young requested action.  
*Mr. Helwig motioned, Mr. Tougas seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To issue a Certificate of Compliance for 222 Brewer Street, Map 27, Parcel 36, DEP File #247-1058.”*
- Request for Certificate of Compliance, 35 John Edward Drive, Map 62, Parcel 19, DEP File #247-948. Commissioners and Ms. McDonald discussed the property being stable and constructed as permitted.. Mr. Young requested action.  
*Mr. Helwig motioned, Mr. Tougas seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To issue a Certificate of Compliance for 35 John Edward Drive, Map 62, Parcel 19, DEP File #247-948.”*

#### **Correspondence**

Planning Application: Newton Street Scenic/ Road Application, Road Improvements  
 Review Memo for 51 Southwest Cutoff to the ZBA from Town Engineer  
 Memo to Municipalities – MA ALB Cooperative Eradication Program  
 MA ALB Cooperative Eradication Program Monthly Report - Northborough  
 Notice from MA DEP re: commencement of 3-day screening pilot at 429 Whitney Street  
 Limited Removal Action: MA DOT 138 Lawrence Street  
 Revised ZBA Application: 16 Hudson Street  
 MACC Membership Dues Letter  
 Wetlands Restoration and Slope Stabilization Plan – 190 Main Street  
 Concerned Citizens & Taxpayers’ Letter re: 190 Main Street

#### **Next Meeting:**

Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and Site visits: Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 8am.. Commissioners discussed and agreed to meet on the 14<sup>th</sup> and site visits on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Adjourn:**

Commissioners had no further business to discuss. Mr. Young 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 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Dawson

Commission Secretary