



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

Conservation
Commission
Approved
10-20-14

Present: Diane Guldner, Chelsea Christenson, Wayne Baldelli, and Todd Helwig
Absent: Greg Young, Tom Beals, and Mo Tougas
Others Present: Mia McDonald – Conservation Agent; John Grenier – J.M. Grenier Associates; and Andrew San Clemente – Settles Road; Jay Pittorino – 333 Southwest Cutoff; Paula Thompson – Waterman Designs; David Davidian – 300 Church Street; Andre Tougas – 234 Ball Street; Ziad Ramadan – 85 Newton Street; Jay Pittorino – 333 Southwest Cutoff; Andy Collings – 333 Southwest Cutoff; Randy LeClaire – 333 Southwest Cutoff; and Mark Donahue – 333 Southwest Cutoff.

Mrs. Guldner opened the Conservation Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Guldner reminded all that the meeting was being audio recorded for transcription purposes.

Review Minutes of June 9, 2014:

Commissioners decided to postpone voting on the minutes until August 11th.

Public Hearings:

Mr. Baldelli read the legal advertisement including:

Notice of Intent for 15 Settlers Road, Map 78, Parcel 7 filed by J.M. Grenier Associates for Andrew Sanclemente for site work associated with the construction of a single family home within the buffer zone of a vegetated wetland under the Northborough Wetlands Protection Bylaw only.

7:05 pm **Notice of Intent, 15 Settlers Road, Map 78, Parcel 7, Local By-Law Only**
Site work associated with the construction of a single family home within the buffer zone of a vegetated wetland.
Applicant: Andrew Sanclemente
Representative: J.M. Grenier Associates

Mr. Grenier, representative for applicant, gave the abutter list and signature cards to Ms. McDonald. Commissioners discussed the project lies within 100 foot buffer zone of the isolated wetland under the local bylaw only. Mr. Grenier explained that the driveway is outside the 30' no disturb, and the septic system within 100' buffer zone (outside the 30' buffer zone). Ms. Christenson requested roof downspouts not be on the pavement.

Mr. Helwig motioned, Mr. Baldelli seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To issue an Order of Conditions to Andrew Sanclemente under the local by-law for property at 15 Settlers Road, Map 78, Parcel 7."

New Business:

- Informal Discussion: 190 Main Street – Notice of Insignificant Project Change.
Commissioners discussed changes to include the road/basin outside the 30' no disturb and discharge outside the 15' no disturb.
Mr. Baldelli motioned, Mr. Helwig seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To accept the proposed plans as an insignificant project change.”
- Informal Discussion: 500 Church Street Agricultural Activity within the Riverfront Area.
The Commission determined that the addition of livestock and the maintenance of the existing cart path with the construction of a bridge were exempt from the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. Mr. Davidian explained that the sitting area lies within an existing mowed area. The Commission did not find this activity exempt and asked that the sitting area be moved outside the 15-foot buffer of the nearby brook. Mr. Davidian agreed to rake wood chips out of the 15-foot buffer and allow vegetation to grow, but mow to prohibit ticks. Ms. McDonald explained that the building department would be in touch regarding the bridge. The Commission required plans/confirmation that the bridge was constructed above flood elevation and required notification prior to any additional work in or near the resource areas, even if said work is believed to be exempt. Mr. Davidian agreed to the Commission's requests and to replace the sign explaining the location of the resource areas.
- Informal Discussion: 0 Green Street Agricultural Activity within the Buffer Zone of a BVW. Ms. McDonald received an anonymous call regarding possible fill being placed near a wetland. Mr. Litchfield and Ms. McDonald observed the property from the street and observed compost material. They also observed that the equipment belonged to Mr. Santo Anza. The equipment and activity was reported to Mass DEP. Ms. McDonald spoke with Mr. Ed Davidian, who stated at the site visit for 500 Church Street that it is compost for use on his fields and he will be maintaining the piles at a reasonable distance from the irrigation pond. He also stated that he is renting the equipment from Mr. Anza, but the compost material is not being purchased from Mr. Anza. Commissioners agreed that no further action would be required.
- Informal Discussion: 333 Southwest Cutoff Site Plan – Commissioners discussed the proposed baseball support building - now 2-story and a larger footprint, approximately 20' retaining wall along new proposed parking, and catch basins and new subsurface system to treat runoff from the new parking area. Ms. Christenson requested plantings along the wall. Mr. Baldelli stressed that the construction sequence is the most critical time for possible alteration to the BVW. Ms. Thompson explained that the playing fields would be ready in 3 weeks and the plans to file a Notice of Intent in August.
- Informal Discussion: 234 Ball Street – Expansion of Existing Irrigation Pond. Andre Tougas explained adding ½ acre of irrigation - spring fed and discussed the negative DOAs issued in 1989 and 2001. Commissioners required that the plan show the expansion and that a letter would be issued indicating a RDA is not required. Ms. McDonald agreed to visit the site next Tuesday and take pictures of the pond.
- Acceptance of 0 Rear Smith Road, Map 2, Parcel 2 as part of Tri-Town Landscape Partnership Project. Commissioners discussed approving.

Mr. Helwig motioned, Mr. Baldelli seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To accept the parcel from Barry Eager for property at 0 Rear Smith Road, Map 2, Parcel 2 as part of Tri-Town Landscape Partnership Project.”

- 144 Maple Street - Commissioners discussed the property: the owner is modifying the doorway. Commissioners discussed checking the existing OOC and checking to see if the silt fence is installed properly.

Old Business:

- Informal Discussion: 85 Newton Street Site Plan – Mr. Ramadan stated that he was required by the Planning Board to provide a plan only, not to improve the road and explained the more than 50 trees to be removed. Mr. Helwig explained that any land disturbance within 100’ of BVW would require that Mr. Ramadan come before the commission with a permit application.
- Order of Resource Area Delineation Extension, 85 Newton Street, Map 7, Parcels 1&2, DEP File #247-923. Ms. McDonald explained the site visit and results that the wetlands slope is defined and has not changed.
Mr. Helwig motioned, Ms. Christenson seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To extend the ORAD to Ziad Ramadan for property at 85 Newton Street, Map 7, Parcels 1 & 2, DEP File #247-923 for 1 year period.”

Certificates of Compliance:

- Request for Certificate of Compliance, 154 Whitney Street/Farmhouse Road, Map 45, Parcel 96, DEP File #247-244. Ms. McDonald explained that the property has been constructed as permitted and the site is stable.
Mr. Helwig motioned, Ms. Guldner seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To issue a Certificate of Compliance to 154 Whitney Street/Farmhouse Road, Map 45, Parcel 96, DEP File # 247-244.”
- Request for Certificate of Compliance, 71 Newton Street, Map 14, Parcel 15, DEP File #247-1032. Ms. McDonald explained that the septic system has been installed as permitted but there is an illicit roof drain that outlets approximately 7 feet from the perennial stream. Mr. Farrell explained that the previous homeowner (seller) exposed the pipe end. The pipe is from the previous owner (pre-1994). Mr. Helwig motioned, not seconded, and motioned failed. Commissioners requested that a Certificate of Compliance not be issued until the pipe has been moved back 8’ (outside the 15’ buffer) by hand.
- Request for Certificate of Compliance, 48 Oak Ave, Map 61, Parcel 1, DEP File #247-618. Ms. McDonald explained that the site has been stabilized and vegetated.
Mr. Baldelli motioned, Mr. Helwig seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To issue a Certificate of Compliance for 48 Oak Ave, Map 61, Parcel 1, DEP File #247-618.”
- Request for Certificate of Compliance, 106 South Street, Map 74, Parcel 33, DEP File #247-594 & 595. Ms. McDonald explained that the permitted work is complete, but that there is a stacked wood retaining wall along the stream bank that is a violation of the WPA and poses a safety and flooding hazard. The Contractor for the Owner/Seller, Mr. Howard explained that 1.5 times the amount needed to complete the work has been placed in escrow to remove the wall by hand. Commissioners agreed to issue a Certificate once the work has been completed, plans begin 7/21 or 7/22.

Mr. Baldelli motioned, Mr. Helwig seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To issue a Certificate of Compliance for 106 South Street, Map 74, Parcel 33, DEP File # 247-594 & 595 contingent on the requested work being completed and inspected.”

Correspondence

OARS Newsletter

Planning Board: Common Driveway Special Permit – 494/496/498 West Main Street

National Grid Summer Vegetation Management Plan

The Wren – Sudbury Valley Trustees Newsletter

Massachusetts Asian Longhorned Beetle Weekly Reports

Concerned Citizens & Taxpayers Letter – July 3, 2014

Next Meeting:

August 11th at 7pm. Site visits: Saturday, August 9th at 8am. Commissioners agreed to meet on August 9th site visit and August 11th meeting. Ms. McDonald explained that she would not be present for the August 9th site visits.

Adjourn:

Commissioners had no further business to discuss. Mrs. Guldner requested action.

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

The Conservation Commission meeting ended at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Dawson

Commission Secretary