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Town of Northborough

Earthwork Board
63 Main Street, Northborough, MA 01532
Conference Room B
Wednesday, February 24, 2016

Present: Janet Sandstrom, Fred Philcox, Anthony Ziton, and Tony Pini

Also Present: Fred Litchfield, Town Engineer; Jacquie Goring, Board Secretary; Mohamad Ramadan, property owner of 85 Newton Street.

At 7:00 pm, Ms. Sandstrom called to order the Earthwork Board meeting.

Review Minutes of December 23, 2015:

Board members discussed the minutes of December 23, 2015.

Ms. Sandstrom motioned to approve the minutes as amended, Mr. Ziton seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To approve the December 23, 2015 minutes of the Earthwork Board."

FYI:

- Mr. Litchfield noted that he will be meeting with Mr. Chuck Black regarding 269-273 West Main Street and will remind him that he is required to submit an as-built plan to the Board in order to release the bond. Mr. Litchfield also noted that the tree plantings and other requested items have not been completed to date. Mr. Black will be filing for a permit extension for 150 Church Street for the March Board meeting.
- Mr. Litchfield will contact Mr. Jimmy Voyiatzis regarding as-built plans and stabilization of the slope at 73-79 West Main Street.

Public Hearings:

Renewal Permit
Mohamad Ramadan
Newton Street
Map 7, Parcel 1

Mr. Litchfield informed the Board that Mr. Mohamad Ramadan has requested a one year extension for the 2015 Earthworks permit. Mr. Ramadan was present and confirmed that nothing has changed on the site and requested an extension. Mr. Litchfield noted that Mr. Ramadan is currently working on the road and no significant work has been completed on the site. Mr. Litchfield added that Newton Street is a scenic road and Mr. Ramadan has been working with the Department of Public works and Planning Board and has completed the grading of the roadway and will still need to move the telephone poles. Mr. Ramadan stated that it was critical to the Town to have Newton Street widened before any other work was completed. Mr. Ramadan expects to get the base pavement down and the road widened starting this spring before moving on to site work. The Board discussed the current bond amount of \$17,000 and Mr. Litchfield recommended the bond amount not be changed.

Mr. Philcox moved to close the public hearing and to renew the permit with the same conditions and bond amount as previously approved; the motion was seconded by Mr. Pini and was unanimously approved.

FYI: continued

- Mr. Litchfield noted that the next Earthworks Board meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2016. Mr. Black is expected to file for a permit extension for 150 Church Street which the Board voted to reduce the bond amount during the December 2015 meeting.
- Mr. Litchfield informed the Board that the Town has proposed repairs to the Church Street culvert which will be voted on during Town Meeting. Mr. Litchfield described the proposed work and noted that traffic will be maintained and the work will be completed in three to four phases leaving one lane in each direction open at all times. The Board discussed the location of the project and proposed scope.
- Mr. Litchfield reminded the Board that Town Meeting is on April 25, 2016 and the Chair is required to attend.
- Mr. Litchfield informed the Board that Mr. Lavin met with the Zoning Board of Appeals to discuss 370 and 360 Southwest Cutoff. Mr. Litchfield reviewed Mr. Lavin's concerns regarding the height of the retaining wall behind his property. Litchfield noted that a special permit was issued by the ZBA for the project and subsequent amendments to the special permit were issued. The wall was requested to be built lower than 26 feet but subsequent plans submitted with the amendment changed the height of the wall back to 26 feet. Litchfield noted that the sixteen foot height was discussed in the hearing but was not listed as a condition in the permit. Litchfield added that value and sale of the property is not addressed by any Town Board or Commission.
- The Board discussed the grading changes being made to the Route 9 westbound ramp by MassDOT.

Adjourn:

Board members agreed that no further business needed to be discussed.

Mr. Philcox motioned, Ms. Sandstrom seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To adjourn the Earthwork Board meeting."

The Earthwork Board meeting ended at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquie Goring
Board Secretary