



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes February 11, 2015

Jeremy Deorsey, Bill Dausey, Joy Anderson and Justin Arbuckle were present. Andrew Chagnon arrived at 7:40PM. Gerry Ouillette was absent. Barbara Kinney, Administrative Assistant was also present.

Mr. Arbuckle opened the meeting at 7:01PM.

Citizen's Forum

None

(248-) 104 Alana Drive (Map 18, Parcel 119)

Proposed 28 foot by 30 foot addition to the rear of the existing dwelling. Original dwelling plans dated December 14, 1992 show wetlands on property and abutting property, however, owner states there are no wetlands on property now. The applicant / owner is Nicole Kamishlian, 104 Alana Drive, Northbridge, MA 01534.

This Public Hearing is postponed to the next meeting because the applicant has not sent notification to the abutters and submitted the Notice of Intent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) as of February 5, 2015. The legal requirements of at least seven days notice to the abutters has not been met and a DEP file number needs to be issued before this Public Hearing can be closed and voted upon.

NOTE: The presentation was given after Mr. Chagnon arrived. While waiting for him, the NCC took care of their administrative tasks.

Revised Wetland Regulations . Discussion with DEP Circuit Rider

Judith Schmitz, Central MA Circuit Rider, gave a presentation on the changes to the revised wetlands regulations. She also passed out several handouts. Some of the changes include: For projects over 50 acres only 100 feet from the limit of work requires abutter notification. However, if a town bylaw is in place, the bylaw must be followed.

Linear projects over 1,000 feet in length must have abutter notification of 1,000 feet from limit of work. However, no abutters to the abutters need to be notified. Can call Ms. Schmitz first to review before sending anything.

As of November 18, 1996, stormwater systems installed after this date are not considered new resource areas.

The standards apply to:

310 CMR 10.11 to 310 CMR 10.14 Restoration

310 CMR10.24 & 310 CMR 10.53 Inland / Coastal Limited Projects

310 CMR 10.54 Bank

310 CMR 10.56 Land Under Water

310 CMR 10.54 now states that intermittent streams have two banks. In the past, they were considered to have only one.

There are 6 types of restoration projects:

1. Dam Removal
2. Freshwater stream crossing (not new)
3. Stream daylighting
4. Culvert restoration / replacement
5. Fish passage
6. Rare species habitat restoration

Form 3 Appendix A must be attached to Form 3 when an ecological restoration project is done.

For a restoration project that can provide all of the items on the checklist, a Form 3A can be submitted. An Order of Conditions (OOC) must be issued; the only way to deny the application is if deficiencies exist. Everything is done upfront (per the checklist). Special conditions can only be added under the town bylaw section. The approval of Form 3A cannot be appealed.

Old / New Business

(248-598) Lot 25 Camelot . Request for Certificate of Compliance (COC)

The NCC discussed whether a COC could / should be issued at this time. They decided they want to wait until Spring when the snow is gone so they can walk the site and determine for themselves if all conditions have been met. A memo needs to be sent to the Building Inspector asking why the Certificate of Occupancy (COO) was issued before the COC. It is a special condition in the OOC that has not been met.

Enforcement Actions

None

Minutes

January 14, 2015

Motion made by Mr. Dausey and seconded by Mr. Deorsey. The NCC voted 4-0 (Mr. Chagnon had not arrived yet when the minutes were voted upon) to approve the minutes of January 14, 2015 as written.

Executive Session

None

Other

The NCC members present performed administrative tasks (signed Orders, etc.) that were needed.

Flood Plan Review

The Town Manager received the town consultant's (GZA Geoenvironmental, Inc.) report on the flood plain review and provided NCC with a copy. The NCC reviewed the report and discussed their findings. The NCC agrees that a paragraph could be inserted to address the liability issue, however, they agree that Arcade Pond was not studied enough. That needs to be done and reviewed prior to any decisions being made.

Douglas Road Composting Facility

The NCC reviewed the clarification letter from the engineer and no further action is needed at this time.

Motion made by Mr. Chagnon and seconded by Mr. Dausey. The NCC voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting on or about 9:03PM.

Executive Session

Nothing for executive session at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

DATE APPROVED:

Barbara A. Kinney
Conservation Administrative Assistant