



## **TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE**

# **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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### **Meeting Minutes August 11, 2010**

Wyatt Mills, Bill Freer and Andrew Chagnon were present. Terry Bradley and Cheryl Peckham were absent. Barbara Kinney, Administrative Assistant was also present.

Mr. Mills opened the meeting at 7:04PM.

#### **Citizen's Forum**

There was no one present for Citizen's Forum.

#### **(248-266) Hills at Whitinsville Open Space**

Discussion

There was no one present for this discussion. The Conservation Commission continued this discussion to their next meeting. Ms. Kinney will contact Heritage Design and find out if this needs to be dropped from the agenda until we hear from them some time in the future.

#### **Minutes**

There were no minutes to approve at this meeting.

#### **Old / New Business**

##### (Rose) Reservoir Heights – Update

Ms. Peckham was not present to provide an update so this will be continued to the next meeting.

##### Burdon Pond – Discussion

Mr. Mills stated that a small stone wall located behind the creamery now exists. A neighbor, Mr. Fease contends the owner is filling behind the stone wall. Mr. Mills researched the regulations and could not find anywhere where this stone wall would fall under regular maintenance of the property. Mr. Mills wanted to discuss this matter with the Conservation Commission before contacting the owner. Ms. Kinney will confirm whether or not the creamery property is under an agricultural restriction. Mr. Mills will contact the owner and ask that he come to a meeting to discuss the matter. Mr. Chagnon reminded everyone that the

Conservation Commission needs to be very clear that there has been no impact to the resource area (if that is the case) and no further action by the Conservation Commission needs to be taken. If Mr. Fease is not satisfied with the Conservation Commission's decision then he can bring his concerns to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). DEP will then investigate the concerns. Mr. Chagnon suggested that maybe a memo needs to be sent to the Town Manager's Office on what has transpired regarding this issue including that there has been no formal recommendation. Mr. Mills will discuss this with Mr. Kozak, the Town Manager, and will request Kopelman & Paige's guidance if the memo should be drafted. The Conservation Commission will arrange a site visit if it is deemed to be needed.

Documents Used: Email from Mr. Mills dated July 31, 2010 regarding Burdon Pond (8 pages), Email from Mr. Mills dated August 2, 2010 (3 pages), Email from Mr. Mills dated August 2, 2010 (8 pages) and Email from Mr. Mills dated August 2, 2010 (1 page of text and 1 picture).

#### REORGANIZATION OF COMMISSION - Vote

Motion made by Mr. Chagnon and seconded by Mr. Freer. The Conservation Commission voted 3-0 to appoint Mr. Mills as Chairman.

Motion made by Mr. Mills and seconded by Mr. Freer. The Conservation Commission voted 3-0 to appoint Mr. Chagnon as Vice Chair.

Motion made by Mr. Chagnon and seconded by Mr. Freer. The Conservation Commission voted 3-0 to appoint Mr. Bradley as Clerk.

#### **Other**

##### *27 Maple Street*

The Conservation Commission reviewed the draft memo to the Town Manager requesting permission to let Mr. Barry remove the tree and provide him with a release of liability (in case the tree is on town property).

Document Used: Copy of draft memo dated August 17, 2010.

##### *14-20 Elm Street*

The Conservation Commission reviewed the draft memo to the Town Manager requesting that the DPW remove the dead tree on town property.

Document Used: Draft memo dated August 17, 2010.

##### *Possible DPW Site*

Mr. Mills left a message for Mr. Marzec, however Mr. Marzec has not returned the call yet. Mr. Chagnon will also try calling Mr. Marzec to provide him assistance in filling out the form to Massachusetts Wildlife – Natural Heritage &

Endangered Species Program for a prospective DPW site on the current sewer bed property.

*Earth Removal Board*

The Conservation Commission selected Mr. Mills to serve on the Earth Removal Board.

Document Used: Memo dated August 6, 2010 from the Town Manager.

*11 Center Street*

Mr. Freer visited the site during the pipe placement and provided pictures for the file.

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

Motion made by Mr. Chagnon and seconded by Mr. Freer. The Conservation Commission voted 3-0 to *adjourn* the Conservation Commission meeting at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Kinney  
Conservation Administrative Assistant