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### Meeting Minutes November 07, 2018

Barbara McNamee, Justin Arbuckle, Rich Chiras, and Gerry Ouillette were present. Cindy Campbell was late. Justine Carroll and Joy Anderson were absent. Barbara Kinney, Conservation Commission (NCC) Administrative Assistant, and David Pickart, NCC Agent, were also present.

Ms. McNamee opened the meeting at 7:00PM.

#### Citizen's Forum

None

*Ms. Campbell arrived at 7:06PM.*

#### **(248- ) Off Spring Street (Winston Woods) (Map 15A, Parcels 224-232)**

Proposed construction of a 9-lot residential subdivision located off Spring Street. The applicant is Brian Fitzgerald represented by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. (G & H), 1029 Providence Road, Whitinsville, MA 01588.

The NCC is still waiting for the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) file number and comments from JH Engineering. Mike Hassett of G & H explained the latest revision(s). The cuts in the swale have been revised to a maximum of three (3) feet. There is no interception of ground water. A ten (10) foot wide access has been added for maintenance of the swale. Some modeling has been done, but G & H has not provided those figures to the NCC yet. For the two (2) year storm it is 4 ½ feet per second, for the ten (10) year storm it is 6 ½ feet per second and for the 100 year storm it is 7 ½ feet per second without the check dams. If a check dam was placed every 50 feet, they would be sufficient to slow it down. On the erosion control plan, a box of calculations and more information was added regarding the fill area. A rip rap spillway is more adequate for a pond as a metal collar is known for seepage. The construction sequencing has been revised regarding the basin(s). The permanent basin shall be functioning and online before the temporary basin is deactivated. Mr. Hassett feels that this temporary basin will be adequate for treatment during construction. Mr. Hassett explained the construction sequence and Mr. Pickart suggested that along with the binder course that some kind of stabilization be done on the side slopes. This can be noted in the conditions. A formal response will be coming to the NCC Agent's letter.

Mr. Pickart wanted to know why the change from the surface basin to an underground basin. Mr. Hassett answered that due to the size and constraints that it was getting to look like a bath tub with retaining walls if it was left above ground.

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Chiras. The NCC voted 5-0 to continue the Public Hearing to December 05, 2018 at 7:35PM.

**Old / New Business**

(248-334) 465 Sutton Street – Request for Certificate of Compliance (COC) (Release Lot 3)  
The owner has requested a continuance to the December 05, 2018 meeting so he can be in attendance. Mr. Pickart has reviewed the files again and it was a habitat replication and not a resource area replication that was conditioned. Part of the habitat replication required planting of an invasive species (thorny rose). This was never followed through on the deed so it cannot be enforced. Mr. Pickart suggests the NCC just let it go. Also in the Order of Conditions (OOC) there is a line about salt and it needs to be addressed stating that it does not apply to this lot and that it only applies to the common drive. Mr. Pickart will contact the owner and let him know that he does not need to attend the December 05, 2018 meeting. This item of business has been continued to the next meeting of December 05, 2018.

**Special Conditions** – Decision on erosion control casing

The NCC discussed and agreed to use the polypropylene casings except for certain projects that biodegradable casings will need to be used. This will be decided on a case-by-case basis. The polypropylene is fine for quick / small projects. The biodegradable casings cost about twice as much as the polypropylene casings.

Motion made by Ms. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Arbuckle. The NCC voted 5-0 to accept the use of polypropylene casings except on certain projects where biodegradable casings will need to be used and this will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

**Enforcement Actions**

None

**Minutes****August 15, 2018**

*This was taken out of order at the beginning of the meeting.*

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Ouillette. The NCC voted 3-0-1 (Mr. Chiras abstained) to approve the August 15, 2018 minutes as written.

**September 05, 2018**

*This was taken out of order at the beginning of the meeting.*

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Chiras. The NCC voted 3-0-1 (Mr. Ouillette abstained) to approve the September 05, 2018 minutes as written.

**October 17, 2018**

*This was taken out of order at the beginning of the meeting.*

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Ouillette. The NCC voted 3-0-1 (Mr. Chiras abstained) to approve the October 17, 2018 minutes as written.

**Executive Session**

None

**Other**

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

Mr. Pickart stated that a Boy Scout called and is looking for a project to do for his Eagle Scout designation. The NCC and Agent will think about what he can do and Mr. Pickart will get back to him. Some suggestions were Shining Rock (clean-up), Hills at Whitinsville open space, Mumford River Walk, for the kiosk at School St a crude trail map could be added, and / or a sign at any of the sites that it is the Town's land so if you bring it in you need to bring it back out (trash, etc.). The Scout can come to a January or February meeting to discuss further.

Mr. Pickart explained that Upton wants him for more hours. They wish to break the inter-municipal agreement so that they could have Mr. Pickart for 15 hours a week and then Mr. Pickart would have to be with Northbridge for 12 hours as an employee. The Town Managers from Upton and Northbridge will need to make the decision. Mr. Pickart will keep us posted on the status.

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Ouillette. The NCC voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting about 7:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

DATE APPROVED:



Barbara A. Kinney  
Conservation Administrative Assistant

December 05, 2018

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### ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AT MEETING