



## **TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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### **Meeting Minutes December 04, 2019**

Justin Arbuckle, Justine Carroll, Barbara McNamee, Cindy Campbell and Rich Chiras were present. No one was absent. Barbara Kinney, Conservation Commission (NCC) Administrative Assistant, and David Pickart, NCC Agent, were also present. There are two (2) open vacancies on the NCC.

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

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

None

#### **(248-673) McQuade's Lane (Solar Facility) (Map 25, Parcel 44)**

Proposed construction of a ground-mounted solar array with work within the Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) and 100 foot buffer zone. The work includes stormwater management systems, driveway, and two (2) wetland crossings to create access where no alternative means of access is feasible. The applicant is Northbridge McQuade, LLC represented by Beals & Thomas, Inc. (B & T), 144 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA 01772.

Ethan Gyles of Nexamp and Eric Las of B & T explained that the additional comments are being addressed. Grave's Engineering has submitted their response comments. The test pits are now being done. There will be two (2) wetland crossings. The basin is now on the western side of the road since the eastern side has bedrock. They will be using fore bays now that will capture more sediment load. There will be pipes connecting the eastern side to the basin on the western side. Mr. Las is reasonably confident that the basin on the west side is fine even though no test pits were done there. The southernmost basin has been raised one (1) foot and the grading is higher to accommodate water recharge. The other basin has minor changes including the addition of a stone fore bay. The calculations were done using the assumption that the land was forested.

Sheets C3.01 and C3.02 have been added to the plan set which are the site preparation and erosion control sheets. There will be check dams. There will be stump grinding berms on the interior of the site where the arrays will be until the arrays are built to slow down the run off during construction. Mr. Pickart mentioned that other solar sites are using the stump grind berms and they are doing well. Per Mr. Pickart, Jeff Walsh's (Graves Engineering) report is one of the cleanest reports that he has seen.

Ms. Campbell needed clarification on the bridge areas. Those areas are more or less already clear cut. The bridges are pretty expensive to build, however, the area will be protected long-term.

*Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Ms. Campbell. The NCC voted 5-0 to close the Public Hearing.*

Mr. Pickart will draft the Order of Conditions (OOC) that can be reviewed at the next meeting then voted upon.

**Old / New Business**

(248-643) 867 Sutton Street – Request for Certificate of Compliance (COC)

The NCC reviewed the request for a COC submitted by David E. Ross Associates dated November 15, 2019 and the NCC agent's comments.

*Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Chiras. The NCC voted 5-0 to issue the COC.*

**Enforcement Actions**

None

**Minutes**

November 06, 2019

These minutes were tabled.

November 20, 2019

*Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Chiras. The NCC voted 4-0-1 (Ms. McNamee abstained) to accept the minutes of November 20, 2019 as written.*

**Executive Session**

None

**Other**

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

*Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Chiras. The NCC voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting about 8:10PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

DATE APPROVED:



Barbara A. Kinney  
Conservation Administrative Assistant

*February 19, 2020*

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## WEEKLY REPORTS



### ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AT MEETING