



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes January 20, 2021

Remote meeting via Zoom.

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, MGL Chapter 30A Section 18 and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order concerning imposition on strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, meetings of the Northbridge Conservation Commission (NCC) shall be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. No in-person attendance of members or the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided in the Order.

Justine Carroll, Justin Arbuckle, Cindy Campbell, Rich Chiras, Steve Gniadek, and Barbara McNamee were present. David Pickart, Conservation Commission (NCC) Agent, was also present. Barbara Kinney, NCC Administrative Assistant was absent. There is one (1) open vacancy on the NCC.

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

Attendees: Brian and Deb Castell from Leland Road.

Citizen's Forum None

Old / New Business

Stone Hill Condos – Discussion / Update

D. Pickart reviewed the current issues concerning the runoff from the Stone Hill Condos and Syncarpha Solar facility that contributes to the flooding of the Leland Road properties. He showed videos explaining the major areas of water runoff from the sites and issues with the drainage basins. The majority of the discussion focused on the drainage basins.

The Castell's confirmed that things are progressively worsening at this time. Who owns the culverts and is responsible for the maintenance of them needs to be determined. Per D. Pickart, the Department of Public Works (DPW) has inspected the basins and they are not blocked. The NCC is requesting a meeting onsite with the DPW and Stone Hill Condos; possibly on February 03, 2021. The Castell's have confirmed that Stone Hill Condos are continuing to work on the basins.

Motion made by C. Campbell and seconded by J. Carroll. The NCC voted 6-0 by roll call vote of R. Chiras – Yes; S. Gniadek – Yes; C. Campbell – Yes; J. Arbuckle - Yes; J. Carroll – Yes; and B. McNamee – Yes; to set up a site visit with the DPW and Stone Hill Condos.

Lovey's Garden Marketplace – Discussion / Update

D. Pickart informed the NCC that Lovey's Garden Marketplace is no longer in violation with the firewood having been moved.

MinutesExecutive Session Minutes – Vote to Release 05/24/2017 and 08/01/2018

Motion made by C. Campbell and seconded by R. Chiras. The NCC voted 6-0 by roll call vote of R. Chiras – Yes; S. Gniadek – Yes; C. Campbell – Yes; J. Arbuckle - Yes; J. Carroll – Yes; and B. McNamee – Yes; to release the Executive Session minutes of May 24, 2017.

Motion made by C. Campbell and seconded by R. Chiras. The NCC voted 6-0 by roll call vote of R. Chiras – Yes; S. Gniadek – Yes; C. Campbell – Yes; J. Arbuckle - Yes; J. Carroll – Yes; and B. McNamee – Yes; to release the Executive Session minutes of August 01, 2018.

November 04, 2020 Executive Session

Motion made by C. Campbell and seconded by R. Chiras. The NCC voted 6-0 by roll call vote of R. Chiras – Yes; S. Gniadek – Yes; C. Campbell – Yes; J. Arbuckle - Yes; J. Carroll – Yes; and B. McNamee – Yes; to accept but not release the Executive Session minutes of November 04, 2020.

December 16, 2020

These minutes were tabled to the next meeting.

Other

Fowler Road Playground – D. Pickart discussed the abandoned playground off of Fowler Road. The Parks and Recreation Committee has no interest in the property and wanted NCC's input if it should be kept or sold off. The NCC decided the property was not worth the Town holding onto it due to its condition and location with the lack of parking.

Motion made by J. Carroll and seconded by S. Gniadek. The NCC voted 5-1 by roll call vote of S. Gniadek – Yes; C. Campbell – Yes; J. Arbuckle - Yes; J. Carroll – Yes; B. McNamee – Yes and R. Chiras - No; to recommend the sale of the playground property.

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

Adjournment

Motion made by C. Campbell and seconded by J. Carroll. The NCC voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting about 8:22PM by roll call vote of J. Carroll – Yes; R. Chiras – Yes; C. Campbell – Yes; J. Arbuckle – Yes; S. Gniadek – Yes; and B. McNamee – Yes.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara A. Kinney
Conservation Administrative Assistant

DATE APPROVED:

