



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes August 18, 2021

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Justine Carroll, Steve Gniadek, Rich Chiras, and Cindee Cummiskey were present. Chloe Mawn, Justin Arbuckle and Barbara McNamee were absent. Barbara Kinney, Conservation Commission (NCC) Administrative Assistant and David Pickart, NCC Agent, were also present.

J. Carroll opened the meeting at 7:11PM. We were waiting for a quorum.

Attendees: Deb Castell.

Citizen's Forum

None.

(248-0684) 0 Glen Drive (Map 9, Parcel 56). Proposed construction of a single family home and associated activities within buffer zone. The applicant is Eastland Partners represented by Turning Point Engineering, PO Box 757, Sutton, MA 01590.

The applicant has requested a continuance because additional information is not ready to be submitted to us yet.

Motion made by R. Chiras and seconded by S. Gniadek. The NCC voted 4-0 by roll call vote of C. Cummiskey – Yes; S. Gniadek – Yes; R. Chiras – Yes; and J. Carroll – Yes to continue the Public Hearing to September 15, 2021 at 7:05PM.

Old / New Business

Fall Annual Town Meeting – October 26, 2021

Point of Information.

Conservation Fund – Vote to Sponsor Warrant Article

Motion made by R. Chiras and seconded by C. Cummiskey. The NCC voted 4-0 by roll call vote of C. Cummiskey – Yes; S. Gniadek – Yes; R. Chiras – Yes; and J. Carroll – Yes to submit and sponsor the warrant article to create the Conservation Fund.

Other

September 1, 2021 Meeting

Motion made by R. Chiras and seconded by C. Cummiskey. The NCC voted by roll call vote of C. Cummiskey – Yes; S. Gniadek – Yes; R. Chiras – Yes; and J. Carroll – Yes to cancel the NCC meeting of September 1, 2021.

Conservation Signs

D. Pickart provided mock-ups for the NCC to review. The NCC gave their permission for D. Pickart to submit the mock-ups to the Safety Committee for review. The NCC discussed whether something about fines should be listed and the answer is no. The Police Department will be monitoring the site.

Education Opportunity

Someone will need to keep track of any opportunities for the NCC to educate residents on conservation issues, volunteering time for different events such as a clean-up effort, trail maintenance, etc. D. Pickart prepared graphic / assembled materials and manned the Planning / Conservation tent at the Town fireworks. A table will be set up again next year at the fireworks and the Town will be celebrating its 250th anniversary.

Trail Mapping

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) is offering free trail mapping services and the NCC agreed to have D. Pickart contact them to do trail mapping for the Mumford River Walk and Shining Rock.

164 Rebecca Road

There is possibly a violation at this property. There have been trees cut and a patio installed. D. Pickart believes that there was a filing to install the pool. It appears that bounds were installed and the owners went past them anyway. D. Pickart received NCC's approval to pursue this matter. More research will be done including pulling all the filings for this property.

Syncarpha Solar I and II (Church Street and Providence Road)

D. Pickart was to meet with the developer, engineer, etc. on Thursday, August 19, 2021 but the meeting was cancelled due to the potential for lightning from the coming storm. This will be rescheduled.

Stone Hill Condos

The drainage appears to be working well when D. Pickart visited the site recently. He plans to visit the site again on Thursday, August 19, 2021.

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

Adjournment

Motion made by R. Chiras and seconded by S. Gniadek. The NCC voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting about 7:32PM.

Respectfully submitted,

DATE APPROVED:



Barbara A. Kinney
Conservation Administrative Assistant



August 18, 2021

CONSERVATION MAIL LIST

FROM	DATE	SUBJECT
Planning Board	Rec'd 08/09/21	Public Meeting Notice for McQuade's Lane Solar Facility
Mass Wildlife	07/26/2021	New Natural Heritage Atlas Link
Conservation Agent	08/14/2021	RDA - 911 Main Street Septic System Replacement Report
Conservation Agent	07/21/2021	Conservation Agent Report
Planning Office	08/11/2021	Delwyn Barnes Modification Engineering Consulting Service
Planning Office	08/11/2021	Northbridge McQuade Solar Engineering Consulting Service
Conservation Agent	08/04/2021	Conservation Agent Report
Planning Board	08/05/2021	Public Hearing Notice D & B Estates Modification
Turning Point Engineering	08/17/2021	Glen Drive Continuance Request

WEEKLY REPORTS

- July 18, 2021 to August 07, 2021
- August 08, 2021 to August 14, 2021

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AT MEETING

- Sign mock-ups