



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes September 15, 2021

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

J. Carroll opened the meeting at 7:00PM.

Attendees: Deb Castell and Roland Roy.

Citizen's Forum

None

C. Cummiskey arrived at 7:03PM.

(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.

Motion made by J. Arbuckle and seconded by S. Gniadek. The NCC voted 6-0 by roll call vote of C. Cummiskey – Yes; C. Mawn – Yes; J. Carroll – Yes; S. Gniadek – Yes; J. Arbuckle – Yes; and B. McNamee – Yes to continue the Public Hearing to October 06, 2021 at 7:05PM per the applicant's request.

D. Pickart looked at Glen Drive after the last storm and it only has minor flooding and it is nothing out of the ordinary for that kind of storm.

(248-665) Syncarpha Northbridge II Solar

Request for Certificate of Compliance.

Devin Howe, Beals Associates, stated that he had a site visit on August 30 with D. Pickart and J. Walsh of Graves Engineering (GEI). All comments have been addressed. The areas of bare soil, stone check dams, modification of access road, etc. have been addressed. During the last storm there were no issues at this site. National Grid is working on interconnections throughout the state.

Motion made by B. McNamee and seconded by J. Arbuckle. The NCC voted 6-0 by roll call vote of C. Cummiskey – Yes; C. Mawn – Yes; J. Carroll – Yes; S. Gniadek – Yes; J. Arbuckle – Yes; and B. McNamee – Yes to continue the Public Hearing to issue the Certificate of Compliance (COC) with the condition cited in the Order of Conditions (OOC) that pertain to the maintenance of the stormwater controls.

D. Pickart will send a letter to Syncarpha and the property owner releasing the Enforcement Order (EO) on this site if it has not already been done. *Motion made by J. Arbuckle and seconded by B. McNamee. The NCC voted 6-0 by roll call vote of C. Cummiskey – Yes; C. Mawn – Yes; J. Carroll – Yes; S. Gniadek – Yes; J. Arbuckle – Yes; and B. McNamee – Yes to release the Enforcement Order on Syncarpha Northbridge II.*

Old / New Business

Fall Annual Town Meeting – October 26, 2021

Point of information.

Minutes

July 1, 2020

Motion made by J. Arbuckle and seconded by B. McNamee. The NCC voted 4-0-1 (C. Mawn abstained) by roll call vote of B. McNamee – Yes; J. Carroll – Yes; J. Arbuckle – Yes; and S. Gniadek – Yes to approve the July 1, 2020 minutes as written. (This vote was taken at the beginning of the meeting and C. Cummiskey had not arrived yet).

May 05, 2021

Motion made by B. McNamee and seconded by J. Arbuckle. The NCC voted 4-0-2 (C. Mawn and C. Cummiskey abstained) by roll call vote of J. Carroll – Yes; S. Gniadek – Yes; J. Arbuckle – Yes; and B. McNamee – Yes to accept the May 05, 2021 minutes as written.

August 04, 2021

Motion made by B. McNamee and seconded by J. Arbuckle. The NCC voted 5-0-1 (S. Gniadek abstained) by roll call vote of J. Carroll – Yes; C. Cummiskey – Yes; J. Arbuckle – Yes; C. Mawn – Yes; and B. McNamee – Yes to accept the August 04, 2021 minutes as written.

August 18, 2021

Motion made by S. Gniadek and seconded by C. Cummiskey. The NCC voted 3-0-3 (B. McNamee, J. Arbuckle and C. Mawn abstained) by roll call vote of J. Carroll – Yes; C. Cummiskey – Yes; and S. Gniadek – Yes to accept the August 18, 2021 minutes as written.

Other

Signs – The Board of Selectmen (BOS) approved the signs last night for Shining Rock. The streetlight is working too.

Motion made by B. McNamee and seconded by J. Arbuckle. The NCC voted 6-0 by roll call vote of C. Cummiskey – Yes; C. Mawn – Yes; J. Carroll – Yes; S. Gniadek – Yes; J. Arbuckle – Yes; and B. McNamee – Yes to approve spending up to \$700.00 for the signs to be paid from the Conservation Wetlands Revolver Account.

Leland Road – D. Pickart received permission to release his document regarding the flooding at Leland Road. GEI has also sent him a draft report regarding the Leland Road drainage system. The reports for Stone Hill Condos and Syncarpha Northbridge I are coming. These documents may be used in potential court proceedings.

Stone Hill Condos – They are looking at some changes to their stormwater drainage system to prevent some of the issues that are related to them. An analysis of the lower basin is being done as some of the runoff never gets there. It infiltrates through the fore bay and pops out at the discharge of the emergency spillway. That is not the way it is supposed to function. They may close off the infiltration component of the upper basin. There will be a memo coming.

Union Street – D. Pickart also visited this site after the last storm and he provided pictures in his report of the flooding that occurred there. He also sent the pictures to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Main Street Contractor Yard – J. Arbuckle mentioned that he noticed that fill is being processed at this site and had some concerns with the contaminated material. D. Pickart explained to him that the material is not contaminated but it is a regulated material. Some of the material is being brought to the project on Douglas Road as fill (allowed use there) and the rest is being taken offsite to another allowed site. The culvert pipe that runs under the street from the Mumford River to Arcade Pond has not been addressed. D. Pickart explained that the NCC recommended that the pipe be fixed as part of the approval of the letter of map revision. However, FEMA did not require it. D. Pickart will raise this concern with the developer. The water has been so high from all the rainfall this year that the outlet has probably been under several feet of water.

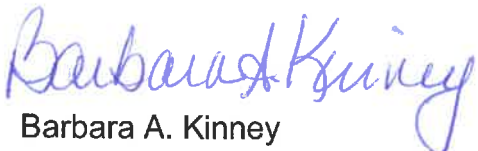
Trail Mapping – Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) has started the process of mapping the trails at Shining Rock and the Mumford River Walk. This will be completed in October and the maps will take several months to produce after that.

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

Adjournment

Motion made by B. McNamee and seconded by J. Arbuckle. The NCC voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting about 7:48PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara A. Kinney
Conservation Administrative Assistant

DATE APPROVED:



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- ### ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AT MEETING

- Memo dated 09/05/2021 from Conservation Agent on Post Ida Observations: Leland Road, Syncarpha I and Stone Hill Condominiums