



## **TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE**

# **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**7 MAIN STREET**

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### **Meeting Minutes**

**March 23, 2011**

Wyatt Mills, Andrew Chagnon, and Bill Freer were present. Terry Bradley and Cheryl Peckham were absent. Barbara Kinney, Administrative Assistant was also present.

Mr. Mills opened the meeting at 7:07PM. (The Conservation Commission was waiting for the arrival of the representative for the following RDA).

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

None

#### **(01-RDA-2011) Providence & Worcester Railroad**

Vegetation control will conform to guidelines in MA Right-of-Way Management Regulations (333 CMR 11.00) and the preface to WPA Regulations (333 CMR 10.00). No work is proposed within wetland resource areas. The applicant is TEC Associates, 46 Sawyer Street, South Portland, ME 04106.

Kyle Fair of TEC Associates explained that this is basically the same as what they applied for six years ago. The only difference being that the light blue area on the plan is now a little more protected than it has been in the past. Also, there have been some changes to the regulations in 2007 regarding perennial streams. There is now a 200 foot buffer which was a 100 foot buffer in the past. The spray cannot be within 10 feet of any water. Mr. Fair will be riding the rails next week to verify the markings and determine if there are any changes to the plan. If there are any changes, he will submit them to the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Chagnon wanted to know more about the monitoring of the spraying. Mr. Fair stated that there will be one person running the nozzles, one person looking at the maps and markings (delineator plates) and possibly another person in a vehicle ahead of them looking for water and changes that are not on the plan.

Mr. Chagnon then asked about the chemicals used in the spraying. Mr. Fair stated that there will be no brush spraying. Some brush cutting may be done, but it is expensive to do. Basically, the chemicals used will be "Razor Pro" or "Razor." The application rate will be 10 feet on either side of the track about 10 to 18 inches off the ground. The left and right side of the tracks can be sprayed independently. There will be no spraying within 10 feet from the high water mark on streams and 10 feet before and after water bodies. The spraying will be done once a year and the "double blue" zone on the plan will be done every two

years. The chemicals that will be applied are a fairly light concentrate with an area of 20 feet long by 1 foot wide using two ounces of chemical and water combined.

Motion made by Mr. Chagnon and seconded by Mr. Freer. The Conservation Commission voted 3-0 to issue a negative determination for this request.

### **Minutes**

February 23, 2011

Motion made by Mr. Chagnon and seconded by Mr. Freer. The Conservation Commission voted 3-0 to accept the minutes of February 23, 2011 as written.

### **Old / New Business**

(248-469) Hills Condo Lot 2 – Expired Order of Conditions

Heritage Design Group called earlier in the day and asked that this be tabled to the next meeting as they will be submitting a request for a Certificate of Compliance for this project for the next meeting.

### **Other**

The Conservation Commission discussed the request/complaint received from Terry Shirley of Pine Street. It has been determined that the water is natural runoff on private property so no further action is required by the Conservation Commission.

The Conservation Commission reviewed the comments provided by Mr. Mills regarding the mail that was tabled from the last meeting. Mr. Chagnon and Mr. Mills will put together a response to Mr. Fease.

A brief review of the submittal of a Request for Determination of Applicability for Osterman Gas on Church Street and the submittal to the ZBA for a special permit was done by the Conservation Commission.

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

Motion made by Mr. Chagnon and seconded by Mr. Freer. The Conservation Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:09PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Kinney  
Conservation Administrative Assistant