



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes August 10, 2011

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

Mr. Mills opened the meeting at 7:00PM.

Citizen's Forum

No one was present for Citizen's Forum.

(06-RDA-2011) 1623 Providence Road (Map 21-A, Parcel 2)

Proposed filling in of the in-ground swimming pool that is located ± 43 feet from the intermittent brook at the back of the property, cleaning debris along fence of leaves, branches and old wood, loam and seed the disturbed area. The applicant is Ronald Knapik, 70 George Hill Road, Grafton, MA 01519 represented by Knapik Builders, Inc., 70 George Hill Road, Grafton, MA 01519.

Ronald Knapik, owner, gave a summary of what they would like to do to fill in the in-ground swimming pool and clean up the area. There is an existing fence that they will install hay bales up against. There would be no work beyond the fence and the fence would remain in place. The work would be completed in 10 days using a backhoe and excavator. The concrete would be removed directly into a truck. The area would be loamed and seeded when completed. He would also like to remove a couple of trees including two oaks in the front of the property. Their closing on the property has been delayed, so they don't actually own the property yet.

Motion made by Mr. Freer and seconded by Ms. Schotanus. The Conservation Commission voted 4-0 to find a negative determination with the conditions of hay bales to be installed along the fence line before the loaming and seeding and the issuing of this determination to be held until after the closing on the dwelling is completed.

(07-RDA-2011) 179 Fletcher Street (Map 5, Parcel 15)

Proposed removal of existing two inch stone on riverbank that sits against the wet well. Replace with clean washed two inch stone. Remove \pm six feet by three feet of riverbank immediately upstream from wet well and replace with two inch washed stone. The applicant is Whitinsville Golf Club (WGC), PO Box 128, Whitinsville, MA 01588.

Mr. Freer, Mr. Mills, and Mr. Brown attended the site visit to 179 Fletcher Street on August 9, 2011. The proposed work is very involved that would require building a dam before

doing any work and following many regulations. The Conservation Commission inquired whether digging the well deeper would be a better option. As long as they stay out of the water itself, then hay bales would be fine for erosion control measures. The WGC is not sure what is at the bottom of the well or whether the sides are made of cinder blocks because it is a very old well.

Mr. Mills questioned whether the changing of the stone would have the desired effect that WGC is looking for. Hay bales and silt fence should be placed along the river bank and then they should try to deepen the well. The silt fence does not need to be "dug in" because there should be no disturbance to the soil. The silt fence should be placed on the river side of the hay bales. Mr. Mills marked the erosion control line on the picture(s) submitted. This Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) is fine to just deepen the well. There cannot be any excavation outside the well definition. WGC will need to call before the start of work and after the erosion controls are installed for an inspection by the Conservation Commission. WGC stated that construction would start after they winterize the irrigation system this year.

Motion made by Mr. Freer and seconded by Mr. Brown. The Conservation Commission voted 4-0 to issue a negative determination with the conditions stated above.

Minutes

May 25, 2011

There was no quorum to accept the minutes of May 25, 2011.

July 27, 2011

Motion made by Mr. Freer and seconded by Mr. Brown. The Conservation Commission voted 4-0 to accept the July 27, 2011 minutes as written.

Old / New Business

There was no old / new business to discuss.

Other

Mr. Brown stated that he has spoken to Mr. Meyers and the boy scouts are interested in helping out at the Shining Rock conservation land. The Conservation Commission members will plan out what the boy scouts can do to help deconstruct the damage done at their next clean up visit.

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

Motion made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Freer. The Conservation Commission voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:19PM.

Respectfully submitted,

DATE APPROVED: September 14, 2011

Barbara A. Kinney
Conservation Administrative Assistant