



## **TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE**

# **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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### **Meeting Minutes April 14, 2010**

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

Mr. Mills opened the meeting at 7:05PM.

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

Mr. Buma and his son, Andrew, from Boy Scout Troop 155 were present to inquire about doing an Eagle Scout project at Shining Rock to clean up the hiking trails and put up new signage. The Conservation Commission thinks this is a great idea. However, it needs to be determined what is town land and what is private. Mr. Jewell stated that the Conservation Commission can assist them. Mr. Buma showed pictures of the Shining Rock area. The Conservation Commission asked that Mr. Buma let Ms. Kinney know the dates and she will notify the Conservation Commission members. Mr. Jewell and Ms. Peckham will research who owns the access to Shining Rock. The Conservation Commission will put this on the next agenda under Old / New Business. Ms. Kinney will check with the Town Manager's Office on what form(s) are needed for the volunteers.

#### **(248-573) The Camelot (Map 16, Parcel 28)**

Proposed construction of a roadway, infrastructure and associated amenities for a 65 lot residential subdivision located off Hill Street and Hillcrest Road. The applicant is J & F Marinella Development Corporation represented by Heritage Design Group, 1 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588.

The applicant has requested a continuance.

Motion made by Ms. Peckham and seconded by Mr. Jewell. The Conservation Commission voted 4-0 to continue the Public Hearing to April 26, 2010 at 7:20PM.

#### **(248-266) Hills at Whitinsville Open Space - Discussion**

There was no one present for this discussion so the Conservation Commission continued this to their next meeting of April 28, 2010.

## **Minutes**

March 24, 2010

There was no quorum to approve these minutes.

March 24, 2010 (Executive Session)

There was no quorum to approve these minutes.

## **Old / New Business**

Elsa Mason Property / Volunteer Land Stewardship Program – Discussion

The Conservation Commission reviewed who has the authority to expend any funds and Board of Selectmen have the authority to expend the funds for the Elsa Mason Property. Ms. Kinney will need to confirm that any funds expended from the Wetlands Account would need to go to Town Meeting.

The Conservation Commission discussed the volunteer stewardship program and how to begin creating one in the Town of Northbridge. The first step the Conservation Commission needs to take is to establish what properties are under the Conservation Commission's jurisdiction and whether it is all open space. From there, the Conservation Commission can designate any areas that need help and assess what needs to be done for that particular property. Then, the Conservation Commission can determine what kind of help, materials, etc. are needed.

(248-057) Off Jon Circle – Request for Certificate of Compliance

The Conservation Commission will send a letter to the attorney's office with a copy of the letter dated March 21, 2000 stating that 25 Heather Hill Road was released from the Order of Conditions on July 14, 1993. This Order of Conditions for 248-057 is for the whole subdivision and will remain open at this time.

## **Other**

The Conservation Commission discussed *89 Benson Road* and Mr. Mills will call Mr. Gammon to set up the site walk.

*(248-538) Carpenter Estates* - The Conservation Commission signed the extension form.

*(248-469) Hills at Whitinsville Condo Lot 2* - Frank Marinella was present to address the violation of the large amount of silt in the wetlands. He stated that the hay bales are about a year and a half old. There is some grass growing and the area seemed stable per Mr. Marinella, so the erosion controls were not refreshed. Several weeks ago, they started digging the foundation for a new condo unit and also a cut for the cement trucks to enter. This was when the erosion controls failed and the silt entered the wetlands. Another row of silt fence has been installed within the last few days per Mr. Marinella. He will check the

other area that Mr. Mills noticed and will add rip rap so the problem does not get bigger.

When Mr. Marinella inspected the damage, he observed that some areas could be cleaned with a rake, but other areas are around eight inches thick with silt. Mr. Jewell thinks it needs to be cleaned up with supervision from someone who is knowledgeable with wetlands so the wetland underneath the silt area is not destroyed. He suggested that the clean up be done by hand and the Conservation Commission sign off at the end of the clean up. The Conservation Commission suggested that Mr. Marinella use either Tunison Smith, Eco Tech or BSC Group to supervise the work and that the clean up be started as soon as possible. Mr. Marinella should notify the Conservation Commission Office of what day the work will be started and who the wetland scientist is to oversee the work. The Conservation Commission stated that the wetland scientist does not need to stand and watch all day, however, that would be their call. They usually do just regular check ups.

Mr. Mills suggested that the Conservation Commission members be assigned the *projects that are active* and do regular inspections so any issues are caught early. After some discussion, Ms. Kinney will set up a project list and members will be assigned projects at the next meeting.

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

### **Executive Session**

#### MGL Chapter 39, S 23B #3 – Litigation

The Executive Session has been postponed to the next meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Jewell and seconded by Ms. Peckham. The Conservation Commission voted 4-0 to *adjourn* the Conservation Commission meeting at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Kinney  
Conservation Administrative Assistant