



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes August 8, 2012

Bill Freer, Joy Anderson, Cheryl Peckham and John Brown were present. Andrew Chagnon and Terry Bradley were absent. Barbara Kinney, Administrative Assistant was also present.

Mr. Brown opened the meeting at 7:11PM. We were waiting for a quorum.

Citizen's Forum

None

(248-584) Douglas Road (Map 3, A.P.O. Parcel 121)

Proposed delineation of wetlands using 50% or more wetland indicator plants, saturated / inundated conditions and hydric soil indicators. The applicant is Douglas Road Industrial Realty Trust represented by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., PO Box 312, Uxbridge, MA 01569.

Paul Hutnak of Andrews Surveying requested a continuance for one month. They have filed for an adjudicatory hearing on the RDA (01-RDA-2012).

Motion made by Ms. Peckham and seconded by Ms. Anderson. The Conservation Commission voted 4-0 to continue the Public Hearing to September 12, 2012 at 7:05PM.

May 9, 2012

There was no quorum to approve the minutes.

May 23, 2012

Motion made by Ms. Peckham and seconded by Ms. Anderson. The Conservation Commission voted 4-0 to accept the minutes as written.

June 13, 2012

There was no quorum to approve the minutes.

July 11, 2012

There was no quorum to approve the minutes.

Old / New Business

(248-587) Church Street Maintenance Facility – Modification

Mark Anderson of Heritage Design Group gave a summary of the revisions including the building being lowered 1 ½ feet, the building is 500 feet larger, and some drainage areas

have been revised. The Conservation Commission reviewed the comments from JH Engineering.

Motion made by Ms. Peckham and seconded by Ms. Anderson. The Conservation Commission voted 4-0 to accept the modifications and issued an amended Order of Conditions.

The Conservation members signed the Amended Order of Conditions and the Foundation permit application.

(248-499) 2040 Providence Road – Informal Discussion

EBT Environmental has requested that this informal discussion be postponed to the next meeting.

Other

Paul Hutnak of Andrews Surveying wanted to address the letter dated August 4, 2012 submitted by the Citizens for the Preservation of Northbridge (CPN) regarding *Douglas Road, RDA #01-RDA-2012*. The letter states that a violation exists with the fence that was constructed on the property. Mr. Hutnak explained that under 310 CMR 10.02(2)(a) it defines: any activities that remove, fill dredge or alter the area requires a Notice of Intent **except** (1) minor activities within the riverfront area meeting the requirement of 310 CMR 10.02(2)(b) 1 or 2. CMR310 10.02(2) (b)(1)(b) exempts fencing, provided it will not constitute a barrier to wildlife movement. He provided a copy of this Section for the file. The wildlife can go around the fence that was constructed and small wildlife can even go under it, per Mr. Hutnak. The Conservation Commission determined that the fence is fine and no further action is necessary.

Motion made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Peckham. The Conservation Commission voted 4-0 to cancel the *meeting of September 26, 2012*.

Richard Lajoie attended tonight's meeting because he is interested in filling the vacancy on the Conservation Commission. He gave a brief summary of himself including that he has 17 years of experience in the environmental industry that entails using sampling equipment and analysis. He also constructed a wetland on another project. The Conservation Commission then explained basically what they are all about and the process to get appointed. Ms. Kinney will contact the Board of Selectmen's Office to get this on an agenda for Mr. Lajoie to be appointed.

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

Motion made by Mr. Freer and seconded by Ms. Peckham. The Conservation Commission voted 4-0 to *adjourn the meeting* at or about 8:03PM.

Respectfully submitted,

DATE APPROVED: October 24, 2012

Barbara A. Kinney
Conservation Administrative Assistant