



## **TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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### **Meeting Minutes November 14, 2012**

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

Mr. Brown opened the meeting at 7:16PM. They were waiting for a quorum.

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

None

#### **(248-592) Sutton Street Roadway & Infrastructure Improvements (Maps 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 22A, 25)**

Proposed roadway reconstruction and infrastructure improvements on Sutton Street for approximately 11,200 feet from the Sutton / Northbridge town line to Providence Road (Route 122). The applicant is the Town of Northbridge represented by AECOM, 250 Apollo Drive, Chelmsford, MA 01824.

John Schoenfeld and Don Schall of AECOM were present. Christine and Paul Cirgini of 18 Cove Place had questions on the sidewalks, crosswalks, drainage, catch basins, etc. Mr. Schoenfeld explained that they would be installing catch basins and a bituminous berm so the water from Sutton Street will no longer flow down Cove Place as it does now.

Mr. Bradley wanted more information on the abutter permissions for the replication work. Ms. Kinney spoke to Jim Shuris, DPW Director, earlier in the day and he stated that there are about 120 total residents and about 10% have approved the work. Mr. Bradley then wanted to know what would happen if the abutter's permission cannot be granted and what the alternatives would be. Mr. Schoenfeld will find out if Mr. Shuris secured permission yet for the replication area and then address any issues if need be.

The Conservation Commission discussed the concern that the Historical Commission has with the stone wall at the corner of Sutton Street and Cooper Road that was built in the 1860's. Mr. Schoenfeld discussed several options including a retaining wall, rip rap the area, etc. along that portion of sidewalk so the stone wall will not be touched.

Mr. Bradley stated that the Conservation Commission would rather wait to close the Public Hearing until there is an answer on the property owner permissions to do the replication work.

Motion made by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Ms. Anderson. The Conservation Commission voted 4-0 to continue the Public Hearing to November 28, 2012 at 7:05PM.

**(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 Survey & Engineering was present and has requested a continuance of this ANRAD.

Motion made by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Mr. Dausey. The Conservation Commission voted 4-0 to continue the Public Hearing to December 12, 2012 at 7:10PM.

**(248-591) Douglas Road (Map 3, Parcels 119, 120, 122, 123)**

Proposed grading, site clearing, drainage and erosion control measures to create a gravel storage area within a wetland buffer zone. The applicant is Douglas Road Industrial Realty represented by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., PO Box 312, 104 Mendon Street, Uxbridge, MA 01569.

Paul Hutnak of Andrews Survey & Engineering gave a brief summary of the proposed work that includes work into the buffer zone of the wetland at the rear of the property. The side slopes around the site will be rip rapped. The area will be gravel and used for temporary vehicle parking, recycling and storage. Stormwater management has been added with two basins in the rear and one in the front. Berkowitz Trucking will be consolidating recycling / storage from three other sites onto this site with the adjacent lot. The recycling will be for the public such as glass, plastics, etc. There will be no hazardous materials on site.

Art Allen of EcoTec was present and the Conservation Commission reviewed the letter from EcoTec dated October 25, 2012. They also reviewed the letter from JH Engineering dated November 6, 2012, the Safety Committee minutes of September 19, 2012 and the letter from the Fire Department dated October 23, 2012.

Per Mr. Hutnak, the Planning Board approved the site plan last night and he also has the approval from the Earth Removal Board.

Mr. Bradley stated that the Conservation Commission needs justification to use the maximum footprint. Mr. Hutnak said Berkowitz Trucking will be utilizing this area to combine three other sites as well as the abutting property. The maximum footprint meets regulations, but they will not go past it. The wetland area is higher than the gravel area. The 35 foot no disturb line has a mound and then slopes back to the wetland. However, the drainage area at the rear of the property is graded down to the wetland.

Mr. Allen then explained the impacts and alternatives analyses. The maximum impact to the riverfront area allowed is 5,000 square feet. There will be 13,250 square feet of riverfront area altered. However, the stormwater management basin will be 4,445 square feet and is exempt under the limitations as long as there is no other place to put it. The access drive is considered a limited project of 4,205 square feet and is exempt from the riverfront calculations. This leaves 4,600 square feet of disturbance for the parking and storage area. The lot was created in 1989 before the Rivers Protection Act was enacted.

There will be no significant adverse impacts. There is no inner riparian zone impact. The impervious area has been included in the stormwater management report.

Berkowitz Trucking is looking to create more efficient operations by consolidating their parking and storage. This is a historically disturbed site; however, it has not been disturbed for awhile. It is a wooded area with some large trees and many smaller trees.

Mr. Hutnak stated that the construction entrance will be the new access with a tire scrubber and Douglas Road must be swept every night per the Earth Removal Board. There will be +/-14,000 square feet of earth to be removed from the site. Generally, no stock piles will be kept onsite. Conditions for the Order of Conditions: Any stockpile area kept onsite for more than 24 hours must be kept out of the buffer zones and must have erosion controls around them.

The drainage basin in front will be installed first to function as a temporary sediment basin. The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requires weekly inspections, reports, etc. on maintaining the tire scrubber and sweeping of Douglas Road daily. The timeframe is to start as soon as possible.

The Conservation Commission discussed a continuance of the Public Hearing or closing it. The timeframe to issue the Order of Conditions was discussed as the holidays are coming and quorums for meetings may be difficult.

Motion made by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Ms. Anderson. The Conservation Commission voted 4-0 to close the Public Hearing.

Motion made by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Mr. Dausey. The Conservation Commission voted 4-0 to approve the plans entitled "Site Development Plan 279 Douglas Road (Adjacent To) dated August 15, 2012 with a final revision date of October 10, 2012 with the special conditions stated above and possibly others.

## **Minutes**

### October 10, 2012

There was no quorum to approve these minutes.

### October 24, 2012

There was no quorum to approve these minutes.

## **Old / New Business**

### (248-360) Sutton Commerce Park – Request for Certificate of Compliance

The members of the Conservation Commission reviewed the request, file, etc. and signed the Certificate of Compliance.

## **Other**

Justin Arbuckle is looking to fill the open vacancy. He has lived in and out of Northbridge since 1978. He has a Masters in Architecture from North Carolina. He has been back in Northbridge since 2000. He works for Solar City that makes solar affordable electricity to residents and their headquarters is in California. He stated that he feels there are not enough state parks, etc. in the area. The Conservation Commission explained the process to get him appointed.

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

Motion made by Mr. Dausey and seconded by Ms. Anderson. The Conservation Commission voted 4-0 to *adjourn the meeting* at or about 9:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

DATE APPROVED: December 12, 2012

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Conservation Administrative Assistant