



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes November 12, 2014

Joy Anderson, Gerry Ouillette, Andrew Chagnon, Jeremy Deorsey and Justin Arbuckle were present. Bill Dausey was absent. Barbara Kinney, Administrative Assistant was also present.

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

Citizen's Forum

None

(248-620) 369 Douglas Road (Map 3, Parcel 121)

Proposed addition to an existing commercial building and associated infrastructure, including a second access driveway, detention basin and grading. The applicant is WGM Fabricators, LLC represented by Ecosystem Solutions, Inc., PO Box 469, West Warwick, RI 02893.

Chip Rogers of Woonsocket Glass and Mirror (WGM), Mike Davis and Emanuel Pacheco of Geisser Engineering, and Brandon Fanuef of Ecosystem Solutions were present. Mr. Fanuef explained that the alternatives analysis has been ~~no~~ beefed up and was sent to the Conservation Commission (NCC) before the meeting.

Mr. Fanuef then reviewed the alternatives analysis and stated that ~~no~~ changes to the site is not feasible because WGM outgrew their existing facility two years ago and they cannot use the building on Douglas Road as is. The process they use requires the addition to the building and they have purchased new equipment for the building that must be in a certain configuration. Douglas Road is the ideal location because most of WGM's customers are within a 150 mile radius and they would be able to keep their customer base. Also key personnel would be kept as the commute would not be much different than Woonsocket.

An alternative plan was created keeping everything outside of the riverfront area. The addition would be in the back, however, this would encroach into the wetlands so this scenario is not the best.

The third scenario is what they are proposing. The calculations were redone and the building will be 3,393 square feet (sf) of disturbance and previously it was 2,533 sf of disturbance in the riverfront area. The total sf of disturbance is 4,156 and previously it was 3,296 sf in the riverfront area. The percentage changed from 0.14% to 0.18%. There is no less adverse impact to the area. (See Ecosystem Solutions letter dated November 4, 2014 for more information).

The (NCC) asked them to address the issues brought up at the last meeting and the peer review Engineer\$ (JH Engineering) concerns too. Mr. Pacheco stated that these concerns are being addressed and revised plans are coming. The NCC wants to review the changes and revised plans because of the extensive reworking of the proposal.

WGM would like to do the earthwork (with a pay loader) to remove the hill that is outside the NCC\$ jurisdiction in about two weeks. All material will be taken offsite. Each night the construction area will be %buttoned up.+ Erosion controls are to be installed along the 100 foot buffer zone line and along the 200 foot riverfront line. These will be installed the week of Thanksgiving and the work will take place the following week. The vast majority of the hill to be removed is outside the jurisdictional areas. The small portion of the hill that is inside the jurisdictional area will not be touched until approved. The NCC is fine with that.

Mr. Fanuef has requested a continuance to the December 10, 2014 meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Chagnon and seconded by Mr. Ouillette. The NCC voted 5-0 to continue the Public Hearing to December 10, 2014 at 7:02PM.

Old / New Business

Mendon Road . Easement Access to Army Corps of Engineers Property

Normand Gamache of Guerriere & Halnon stated that he is working with the Army Corps. Of Engineers on property located on Mendon Road. His client has a license to create two lots. The easement road will be what is known as %Old Mendon Road.+ Mr. Gamache stated that his client has received a license to cross the swales from the Army Corps of Engineers. There is a possibility of access (by easement) over Mr. Gamache\$ client\$ property for the Army Corps to access their property near the West River. The NCC would need to accept the easement and Mr. Gamache would like the NCC to consider it. The Army Corps would maintain the easement and it would be posted.

The client would convey this easement to the Conservation Commission. Ms. Kinney checked on the exact process with the Town Manger\$ Office and the NCC would recommend that this easement be accepted and then it would need to go to Town Meeting. The NCC is in favor of this easement. Mr. Gamache will come back at a later date with someone from the Army Corps of Engineers.

Enforcement Actions

None

Minutes

October 22, 2014

Motion made by Mr. Chagnon and seconded by Ms. Anderson. The NCC voted 4-0-1 (Mr. Deorsey abstained) to approve the minutes of October 22, 2014 with changes as noted.

Other

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

Motion made by Mr. Ouillette and seconded by Ms. Anderson. The NCC voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting on or about 7:56PM.

Executive Session

MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21, #3 Litigation

Nothing for executive session at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

DATE APPROVED:

Barbara A. Kinney
Conservation Administrative Assistant