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Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2017

Gerry Ouillette, Barbara McNamee, Joy Anderson and Rich Chiras were present. Cindy Campbell, Justin Arbuckle, and David Pickart, Conservation Agent, were absent. Barbara Kinney, Administrative Assistant was also present.

Ms. Anderson opened the meeting at 7:00PM.

Citizen's Forum

Jeanne Jones of 53 Spruce Street stated that they have a standing water problem in back of the condos. The builder has started digging to try and fix the problem. The existing pipe is going down into Lot 31. They want to make sure that whatever is being done is okay with the Conservation Commission (NCC) and won't make things worse in the future or create any liability. The NCC reviewed the minutes from the July 10, 2013 meeting regarding this drainage issue and the letter that the residents on Spruce Street ("transition team") submitted. The "transition team" may become the condo association in the future.

Neil Newton of 21 Spruce Street stated that he moved in four years ago and has done research. Heritage Design Group has a drawing that shows what the contours were. They have also been to the Planning Board. The Building Department is also looking into it. Maybe a meeting with the residents and the Conservation Commission could be held.

Ms. McNamee has walked the site. Ms. McNamee stated that one side is near the wetlands. The Conservation Agent will need to review the area as well. Mr. Chiras has been to the site too. Someone suggested maybe contacting JH Engineering too. However, per the Planning Board, their jurisdiction stops at the roadway entrance since Spruce Street is a private way and is considered a driveway.

David Crocker at 39 Spruce Street showed the NCC a picture on his phone of his backyard in April 2017. Mr. Newton said lots of the problems are because it is a senior living development, etc. In 2008 they went before the Planning Board who replied that it is the owner / applicant who is responsible for the drainage. Per Mr. Newton, the first attempt was to install a dry well with 20 feet of crushed stone. They are now doing a lot of work and the residents want to make sure it is done correctly. They want to know what resources are available to them to help them including what departments they should be talking to. The NCC was not sure if the Town could help them and the NCC agent will look into it further.

(248-) 496 Purgatory Road Northbridge (263 Purgatory Road Sutton) (Map 8, Parcel 26).

Proposed 1.98MW ground mounted solar photovoltaic energy generating system in Sutton with access from Northbridge. The applicant is Borrego Solar Systems, Inc., 55 Technology Drive, Lowell, MA 01851 and the owner is Duane VandenAkker, 496 Purgatory Road, Whitinsville, MA 01588.

The NCC reviewed the applicant's request for a continuance of this project to allow them more time to address the Agent's concerns before presenting it to the NCC.

Motion made by Mr. Ouillette and seconded by Mr. Chiras. The NCC voted 4-0 to continue the Public Hearing without opening it to August 23, 2017 at 7:15PM.

Old / New Business

(248-470) Hemlock Estates – Replication Areas Update

A cease and desist letter was issued to J & F Marinella regarding Hemlock Estates. The NCC will discuss with the agent on how to proceed.

(248-625) 342 Cooper Road – Possible Violations

No one was present at the meeting and the NCC has heard nothing from the owner. The NCC will have the agent do some research on what the next step would be.

Meeting Dates Change – First and Third Wednesday of Month

The NCC reviewed the revised schedule.

Motion made by Mr. Chiras and seconded by Ms. McNamee. The NCC voted 4-0 to accept the change of meeting schedule to the first and third Wednesday of the month beginning September 2017.

(248-633) Northbridge Self-Storage Units – Request for Certificate of Compliance (COC)

The NCC reviewed the request for a COC and the Agent's report.

Motion made and seconded. The NCC voted 4-0 to issue the COC. Members also signed the COC.

Enforcement Actions

None

Minutes

None at approve at this time.

Executive Session

None

Other

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

Motion made by Ms. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Chiras. The NCC voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting about 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

DATE APPROVED:


Barbara A. Kinney
Conservation Administrative Assistant

August 23, 2017

August 9, 2017

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS USED AT MEETING