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Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2017

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

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

Citizen's Forum

Douglas Road

Jim Berkowitz of 278 Benson Road wanted to discuss the vacant lot next to Berkowitz Trucking on Douglas Road. It is partly in the flood zone and it is the lot where solar panels were approved but never built because they determined there was not enough sun. There are wetlands on the property. The Conservation Agent reviewed the old plans and suggested a new wetland delineation be done. Mr. Berkowitz is proposing a container storage use of the property with the sale of mulch, sand, stone, etc. They will use regrid instead of paving the area. It will be easy to plow and there will be no dust from gravel. It will still be a semi-pervious area. The Conservation Commission (NCC) is amenable to the idea. A Notice of Intent (NOI) will need to be submitted.

Old / New Business

(248-625) 342 Cooper Road – Possible violation(s)

The NCC discussed the status of this project. A follow-up letter will be sent. This has been continued to February 8, 2017.

(248-641) Shining Rock Irrigation Main – Request for Certificate of Compliance (COC)

The NCC reviewed the Agent's report and he saw no issues so the COC can be issued.

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Chiras. The NCC vote 5-0 to issue the COC.

Executive Session Minutes - Release

There are no Executive Session minutes to release at this time.

Enforcement Actions

Church St / Providence Road – Enforcement Action Update

The information has not been received. The Agent will need to see the receipts for the catch basin work as he can't tell just by looking at the catch basins whether the work was done. Mr. Arbuckle will follow-up with Town Counsel. The erosion controls along Leland Road will need to be checked. Mr. Pickart and Mr. Ouillette stated they would

take a look at the area and report back at the next meeting. This has been continued to the next NCC meeting.

1737 Quaker Street – Cease & Desist Letter

The NCC reviewed the two letters. Mr. Pickart will keep an eye on the property. If work continues, the NCC will need to start fining him. The NCC will review this again at their next meeting.

Lot 35 Joseph Circle – Cease & Desist Update

The NCC discussed the options as no restoration plan has been received yet. A Certified Mail letter has been returned unclaimed for other documents that were sent to the developer. The NCC agreed to send the request again by Certified Mail and see what happens.

Minutes

December 14, 2016

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Ms. McNamee. The NCC voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of December 14, 2016 as written.

September 28, 2016

Motion made by Mr. Ouillette and seconded by Ms. McNamee. The NCC voted 4-0-1 (Mr. Arbuckle abstained) to accept the minutes of September 28, 2016 as written.

Other

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

Executive Session

MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21, #3 Potential Litigation (Howard Fease vs. Town of Northbridge) Burdon Pond Dam

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Chiras. The NCC voted 5-0 to adjourn the open meeting at 8:16PM and enter into Executive Session. The NCC will not return to open session.

Respectfully submitted,

DATE APPROVED:



Barbara A. Kinney
Conservation Administrative Assistant



January 11, 2017

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS USED AT MEETING