

## **TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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### **Meeting Minutes August 26, 2015**

Bill Dausey, Gerry Ouillette, Joy Anderson, and Jeremy Deorsey were present. Cindy Campbell arrived at 7:10PM. Justin Arbuckle was absent. Barbara Kinney, Administrative Assistant was also present.

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

#### **Citizen's Forum None**

#### **(248- ) 342 Cooper Road (Map 20, Parcel 11)**

Proposed construction of a 30 foot by 24 foot addition to the existing dwelling within the buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The applicant is Oren Havey represented by Heritage Design Group, 1 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588.

The Certificates of Mailing were received. Eric Bazzett from Heritage Design Group explained that a 30 by 24 foot addition to the existing dwelling is proposed between the 100 and 50 foot buffer zone. The erosion control line is the limit of disturbance at the 35 foot line. The addition will be constructed in a previously disturbed area. The area is pretty flat with a gradual slope. Markers are to be place along the limit of disturbance.

*(Cindy Campbell arrived).*

The DEP File number has not been issued yet. Mr. Bazzett will submit revised plans for the next meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Dausey and seconded by Ms. Anderson. The NCC voted 5-0 to continue the Public Hearing to September 9, 2015 at 7:05PM.

#### **(02-RDA-2015) 1405 Quaker Street (Map 28, Parcel 6)**

Proposed harvesting of timber from the wooded wetland lot associated with the property. The timber collected (3 to 5 cords) will be used for the sole purpose of a primary heating source of the dwelling. The applicant is Melissa Fossbender, 1405 Quaker Street, Northbridge, MA 01534.

There was no one present for this Public Meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Dausey and seconded by Mr. Ouillette. The NCC voted 5-0 to continue the Public Meeting to September 9, 2015 at 7:10PM.

**Old / New Business****760 Providence Road – Results of Site Visit**

Mr. Ouillette attended the site visit and confirmed that there are no wetlands near the work being done. No further action is needed.

**Burdon Pond – Rock Discussion**

Howard Fease, owner, was present. Mr. Deorsey explained that there has been no official decision to remove the rock in question. There has only been an inquiry. Mr. Ouillette stated that he sees no detriment to leaving it there. Mr. Fease said that the rock has been there at least from the 1970s or 1980s. The NCC reviewed the pictures and discussed the rock. The NCC does not see leaving the rock there as an issue. Mr. Deorsey expressed an interest in visiting the site. He also explained that the minutes are not a directive for action to be taken. If action needs to be taken, then official correspondence would be sent.

Mr. Fease explained to the NCC that he is interested in installing a water motor that is like a water wheel to run the lights on the bridge. It will process 3,000 gallons of water a day. It is a small Pelton type hydro that will put the water back into the stream at the bottom. It will divert the water at the top and will come out at the lower level. There will be a pipe in the water to go up and over the dam using a siphon. There will be no modifications to the dam. Mr. Fease stated that the court injunction determined the pond to be 26 acres. Mr. Fease wanted to know which NCC members would be interested in a site visit.

The NCC is looking for detailed plans for the installation of the water motor and then the NCC will review those plans. Mr. Ouillette explained that it is a portable device so it is not within the NCC's jurisdiction in his opinion. Mr. Arbuckle still would like to see the plans. Mr. Ouillette pulled up a picture on his phone of a "Red Devil" water motor. The NCC discussed whether it is considered a pond or does it have riverine characteristics, etc. Mr. Ouillette stated that he would like to attend the site visit too. Mr. Fease said that eventually a solution needs to be found to the water shortage. Mr. Deorsey suggested waiting to see what decision the courts make first since Mr. Fease still has open litigation.

**(248-560) Lot 3 Quaker Street – Request for Certificate of Compliance**

Mr. Dausey and Ms. Campbell visited the site and stated that it looks good. Everything is stable, the markers are in place, etc. They recommend the NCC issue the COC.

Motion made and seconded. The NCC voted 5-0 to issue the COC.

**Vacancy – Richard Chiras**

Mr. Chiras introduced himself and the NCC introduced themselves. Mr. Chiras explained a little about himself stating that he is pro-wetlands, forests, etc. but realizes that a balance is needed for progress. He is interested in filling the vacancy so the NCC will recommend that he be appointed to the NCC.

**Enforcement Actions**

None

**Minutes**

May 27, 2015

Motion made by Mr. Dausey and seconded by Mr. Ouillette. The NCC voted 4-0-1 (Ms. Campbell abstained) to approve the minutes of May 27, 2015 with changes.

June 10, 2015

Motion made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Dausey. The NCC voted 3-0-2 (Mr. Deorsey and Ms. Campbell abstained) to approve the June 10, 2015 minutes with changes.

**Executive Session**

None

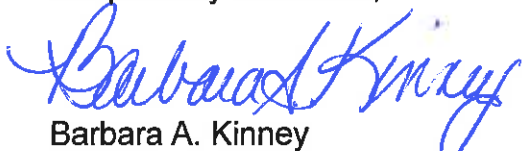
**Other**

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

Motion made by Mr. Dausey and seconded by Mr. Ouillette. The NCC voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting on or about 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

DATE APPROVED:



Barbara A. Kinney  
Conservation Administrative Assistant

*October 14, 2015*

August 26, 2015

## CONSERVATION MAIL LIST

FROM	DATE	SUBJECT
Heritage Design Group	8/13/15	NOI – 342 Cooper Road (House Addition)
Howard Fease	8/14/15	Email – Looking For NCC Response
Howard Fease	8/14/15	Email – Question on Fence and GZI (?) Report
Howard Fease	8/14/15	Email – Burdon Pond Thank you.
Howard Fease	8/14/15	Email – Burdon Pond Water Level
Howard Fease	8/14/15	Email – Burdon Pond Fencing
DPW Highway	8/17/15	Email – Sewer Inspection Reports Main Street
Howard Fease	8/19/15	Email – Question On Rock Mentioned In Minutes
Howard Fease	8/19/15	Email – Wondering Which Rock?
Howard Fease	8/21/15	Email – Sent to Ted. Going to Remove Rock
Howard Fease	8/21/15	Email – Waterway
Howard Fease	8/21/15	Email – Rock Removal
Howard Fease	8/20/15	Email – Why Rock Remove
Howard Fease	8/20/15	Email – Rock with Red or Black Star on Photo
JH Engineering	8/20/15	Main Street Commercial Peer Review
Howard Fease	8/22/15	Burdon Pond
Heritage Design Group	8/24/15	Email Osterman Commerce Park Clearing Plan
MACC	8/21/15	Email WPA Guide for Commissions
National Grid	8/21/15	Email Interstate Reliability Project Update 33
Town Manager	8/24/15	Email to Howard Fease to Work With NCC
Howard Fease	8/24/15	Email – Burdon Pond Dam Rock
Howard Fease	8/24/15	Email – Burdon Pond Rock Removal
Howard Fease	8/24/15	Email – Burdon Pond and List of Dams
Howard Fease	8/24/15	Email – Burdon Pond and Its Size
Howard Fease	8/25/15	Email – Burdon Pond
Planning Board	8/26/15	Presidential Farms Modification Continuance
Planning Board	8/26/15	Douglas Road Site Plan Review Continuance
Terreno Realty	8/26/15	Leonardo Estates Erosion Controls Addressed

### ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS USED AT MEETING