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Meeting Minutes July 26, 2017

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

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

Citizen's Forum None

REORGANIZATION

Motion made by Mr. Chiras and seconded by Mr. Ouillette. The Conservation Commission (NCC) voted 5-0 to keep the officers the same with Joy Anderson as Chair, Justin Arbuckle as Vice Chair and Gerry Ouillette as Clerk.

Old / New Business

(248-606) Lot 70 Roosevelt Drive – Request for Certificate of Compliance (COC)

Motion made by Ms. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Chiras. The NCC voted 5-0 to issue the COC for Lot 70 Roosevelt Drive.

(248-607) Lot 71 Roosevelt Drive – Request for COC

Motion made by Ms. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Chiras. The NCC voted 5-0 to issue the COC for Lot 71 Roosevelt Drive.

(248-470) Hemlock Estates – Replication Areas Update

Nothing has been received. No one was present. The NCC will issue a cease and desist.

(248-625) 342 Cooper Road – Possible Violations

Nothing has been received and no one was present. The NCC discussed what they will do next. Mr. Pickart will do some research on how to flag the project in case the dwelling is sold (restriction on deed possibly) or should the NCC issue an enforcement order.

(248-616) Lot 1 Moon Hill Rd – Request for an Order of Conditions (OOC) Extension

Motion made by Mr. Chiras and seconded by Ms. McNamee. The NCC voted 4-0-1 (Mr. Ouillette abstained) to extend the OOC for one year.

Enforcement Actions None

MinutesAugust 10, 2016

Motion made by Mr. Chiras and seconded by Ms. Campbell. The NCC voted 3-0-2 (Mr. Arbuckle and Ms. McNamee abstained) to accept the minutes of August 10, 2016 as written.

June 28, 2017

Motion made by Mr. Ouillette and seconded by Mr. Chiras. The NCC voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of June 28, 2017 as written.

Executive Session

Under MGL Chapter 30A, S21 #3 To discuss strategy with respect to litigation (John McCarthy)

None

OtherConservation Agent report

(1) Mr. Pickart updated the NCC with regards to the *Forest Cutting on Providence Road and Church Street*. He will check on the status with Kopelman & Paige. Edward Renaud would like to fix the issues on his property. The agent and interested members will walk the site and work with Mr. Renaud to develop a plan to fix the site.

(2) No silt fence has been installed at *934 Quaker Street*. There is a large pile of dirt and they are looking to spread it out. The agent is not sure if the owner will need any permits from any departments for that.

(3) Mr. Pickart spoke to the manager at *Heritage Park* and was told that the Homeowners / Condo Association does not think it will be worth it to spend the money to cut down / remove the plants. Mr. Pickart will talk to Harrison McCaughey and let him know that the NCC cannot order Heritage Park to cut down live plants. Mr. McCaughey will need to address it with the Association directly.

(4) The NCC is waiting for *Leonardo Estates* to submit an amendment request to move the replication area.

(5) Nothing has been received yet for *Carpenter Estates* regarding changing the replication area to a wet meadow that is already there. Mr. Pickart will follow-up on that.

(6) Mr. Pickart will call the resident back who has issues on *Leland Road*. Brian Castell, Leland Roda, stated that his property has not flooded and the resident with the complaint has a clay foundation.

(7) The *Department of Public Works (DPW) Highway* has requested the NCC send them something in writing stating that they are fine with extending the erosion controls. Mr. Pickart will send them an email stating that the NCC is fine with the extension of erosion controls.

(8) Mr. Chiras and Mr. Pickart went to *McQuade's Lane* and could not see anything from the road. Mr. Pickart replied to the Police Chief's email.

(9) Mr. Pickart reviewed the situation with the complaints on *Glen Drive*. Glen Drive is a private way so there is not anything the Town can do. Delwyn Barnes Drive is higher in elevation from Glen Drive but has a detention basin and the basin is working properly.

Mr. Pickart stated that the rest of the outstanding items in his report will be addressed next week.

114 Union Street – Mr. Chiras gave a summary of the issue(s). The NCC will need to decide how they wish to proceed. The soil would need to be tested and proven that it is contaminated. The NCC does not have available budget to do this so it would be up to the neighbor complaining to pay to have it tested. If the soil is contaminated at that time, the neighbor would need to come back to the NCC and the Board of Health (BOH) would also need to be notified. Mr. Chiras will call the resident who lodged the complaint.

653 Shining Rock Drive – The NCC reviewed the request and there are no concerns as the project is over 100 feet away from any resource area.

NCC Meeting Schedule – The NCC discussed the possibility of moving the meeting dates to the first and third Wednesday of the month. The NCC will take a formal vote and decide when it will change at a future meeting when the NCC Chair (Joy Anderson) is present at the meeting.

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

Motion made by Mr. Chiras and seconded by Mr. Ouillette. The NCC voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting on or about 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Barbara A. Kinney
Conservation Administrative Assistant

DATE APPROVED:



July 26, 2017

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS USED AT MEETING