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Meeting Minutes April 12, 2017

Barbara McNamee, Joy Anderson, Gerry Ouillette, Rich Chiras, and Justin Arbuckle were present. Cindy Campbell was late. No one was absent. David Pickart, Conservation Agent and Barbara Kinney, Administrative Assistant were also present.

Ms. Anderson opened the meeting at 7:01PM.

Citizen's Forum

Paul Hutnak of Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc. (ASE), and Melody Nydam, owner, were present to discuss a project on Moon Hill Road. The area is built and all has been stabilized. However, the three markers were overlooked that were required in the Order of Conditions (OOC).

Ms. Campbell arrived.

Normally, the markers are concrete, but they are requesting that signage be used instead. The lot has been completed. The signage would be a steel post with "wetland sensitive area" on the sign. Mr. Pickart's opinion is that would be okay because the area is open, uphill and there is a stone wall before the wetland. The Conservation Commission (NCC) is concerned that this would open the door for others to want to use the signage instead of the markers. There was much discussion and the NCC's final consensus is that they want the concrete markers.

(248-645) Riverdale Street Earth Removal (Map 23, Parcel(s) 5, 16, & 22)

Proposed completion of all earth removal activities and restoration of all disturbed areas with loam and seed. The applicant is James Knott represented by ASE, 104 Mendon Street, Uxbridge, MA 01569.

Paul Hutnak of ASE explained that there was a miscommunication with the Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program (NHESP) so the request was hand delivered to NHESP on April 04, 2017. Mr. Pickart stated that if the maps change it will be outside the priority habitat. New maps are coming and there is lots of shrinkage of habitats that occurred in Northbridge. However, we are using the old maps now. Comments from NHESP will need to be received before the Public Hearing can be closed.

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Chiras. The NCC voted 6-0 to continue the Public Hearing to April 26, 2017 at 7:05PM.

(248-585) DPW 11 Fletcher Street (Map 5, Parcels 78 & 79)

Proposed amendment to the OOC for proposed improvements including constructing a new building, reconstructing an access drive / parking and installing drainage structures. The applicant for this project is the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the owner is the Town of Northbridge.

The legal requirements have been satisfied including notification to abutters and posting of the legal ad. The green certified mail cards have been received.

James Shuris, DPW Director, explained that the Whitins donated the DPW site to the Town in 1941. The project is for 6,700 square feet for \$2.1 million. This is a smaller scale than what was proposed before and approved. They are changing the site from septic to municipal sewer system. Parking and concrete pads for the dumpster and fueling station will be added. The fueling station will be replaced too. There will be less impervious area overall. Revised plans, drainage calculations, etc. will need to be submitted. Mr. Shuris stated that the project is going out to bid next week. Some of the area will be planted with shrubs instead of just loam and seed resulting in more green area. The DPW is working with the owners on Fletcher Street to make the hill look better and be more stabilized.

Motion made by Mr. Chiras and seconded by Mr. Ouillette. The NCC voted 6-0 to continue the Public Hearing to April 26, 2017 at 7:15PM.

(248-647) Main Street & Water Street (Map 2, Parcels 36, 37 and 45)

Proposed construction of a car wash and gas station with a convenience store having a drive-thru food & beverage. Two buildings are proposed. The applicant is Main Street Commercial, LLC represented by Heritage Design Group, 1 Main St, Whitinsville, MA 01588.

The DEP file number has been received.

Eric Bazzette of Heritage Design Group (HDG) was present. Mr. Pickart sent review comments and HDG responded and made the revisions to sheet 8. The calculations have been broken down and added to the notes. Mr. Pickart tried to look at the old elevations, however, it is difficult if not impossible to do the project under the old elevations. Bill Renaud was told that Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) approved the new flood plain line(s) but the NCC will need it in writing. Mr. Renaud will track it down. Information on the flood elevation before the fill was placed does not exist. No previous topographies were done. The stormwater checklist was submitted. The historic mill and riverfront exemption applies per Mr. Bazzette as it was part of the rail yard of the mill. It is a degraded area and one small area will be restored along the riverfront area.

The wildlife habitat evaluation is being requested to be waived as the area is highly degraded and won't contain any wildlife.

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Chiras. The NCC voted 6-0 to continue the Public Hearing to April 26, 2017 at 7:25PM.

Old / New Business

(248-625) 342 Cooper Road – Possible Violations

The OOC was issued for an addition. While the project was wrapping up, a neighbor was concerned that the landscaping was going beyond the limit of approved work. However, Mr. Pickart is uncertain of where the work should have stopped because he did not see the property before the work was started. The as-builts or a statement from the engineer stating that they inspected and the work done complies with the OOC or spells out what the differences are is needed. Christy Havey and Kirsten (relative) will be taking this request over as Christy's spouse (Oren) is no longer in the picture.

Lots 33 & 34 Joseph Circle Roadway – Erosion Controls

The erosion controls have been installed.

(248-470) Hemlock Estates – Replication Areas

No information has been received from ASE (Eco Tec) as spring is just beginning. This will be continued to the next meeting.

Enforcement Actions

Church Street / Providence Road – Enforcement Order Update

Per Mr. Pickart, the owners will be doing the work. The owners do not want Mr. McCarthy involved anymore. However, the enforcement order was issued to Mr. McCarthy so a letter will be sent to him stating that the restoration plan needs to be submitted by a certain time or the NCC may start issuing fines. (*Mr. Pickart will draft the letter*). A new enforcement order may need to be issued because the time limit on issuing fines has expired.

Mr. Pickart left the meeting at 8:08PM.

Minutes

July 27, 2016

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Chiras. The NCC voted 4-0-2 (Ms. Campbell and Ms. McNamee abstained) to accept the July 27, 2016 minutes as written.

February 22, 2017

Motion made by Mr. Ouillette and seconded by Ms. Campbell. The NCC voted 5-0-1 (Mr. Chiras abstained) to accept the February 22, 2017 minutes as written.

Executive Session

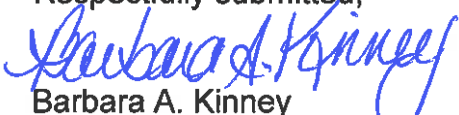
None

Other

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

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Ouillette. The NCC voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting on or about 8:12PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara A. Kinney

Conservation Administrative Assistant

DATE APPROVED:



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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS USED AT MEETING

Andrews Engineering NOI Riverdale St. Delivered to NHESP Confirmation