



## **TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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### **Meeting Minutes September 5, 2018**

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

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

#### **Citizen's Forum**

None

#### **(248-658) Main Street Planned Business Development (Map 2, Parcels 36 & 37)**

Proposed construction of a car wash, auto repair shop and 2 additional buildings for general business with associated grading, parking, driveways, stormwater and utilities within the buffer zone of Arcade Pond including Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (BLSF) filling with compensatory storage and a sewer connection within 200 feet of the Mumford River. The applicant is Lackey Dam Realty Properties represented by Allen Engineering (AEA), 1 Charlesview Road, Suite 2, Hopedale, MA 01747.

The NCC postponed the opening of this Public Hearing per the applicant's request.

#### **Amendment to Town of Northbridge Wetlands Protection Bylaw (7-700)**

Proposed amendment by adding to Section 7-702 Jurisdiction that "the jurisdiction of this bylaw does extend to the cutting and removal of trees for the purpose of selling the trees or products derived therefrom" and Section 7-703 C. Exemptions and Exceptions will be revised to exclude "cutting and removal of trees for the purpose of selling the trees" from the exemption for work related to the maintenance of land in agricultural uses.

The legal requirements have been satisfied including posting of the legal ad.

There were no residents present with any questions or concerns on the proposed changes.

Motion was made and seconded. The NCC voted 6-0 to recommend passage of the proposed amendment to the Town of Northbridge Wetlands Protection Bylaw at the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

#### **Old / New Business**

(248-585) Department of Public Works (DPW) – Request for Certificate of Compliance (COC)

Jim Shuris presented the final as-built plan of the new DPW facility to the NCC. He explained that during construction unforeseen site conditions caused a reduction in the flood storage capacity on the site by 27 cubic yards. Mr. Shuris explained that when this is looked at with the overall capacity of the watershed that this was an insignificant reduction (less than 1%). Mr. Pickart also confirmed that this was an insignificant change.

Motion made by Mr. Chiras and seconded. The NCC voted 6-0 to issue the COC.

#### Balmer School - Update

Joe Strazzulla presented the latest schematic plan for the new school on the site of Balmer School. Discussion was focused on the storm water management system and the soccer field on the northeast corner of the site. There is concern that the current location of the field is too close to the edge of the property and they would like to investigate moving it closer to the wetlands on the back of the site. Mr. Arbuckle stated he had no issue with the field being moved within the 50 foot no build zone, however, he was concerned about the emergency vehicle access being within the 50 foot zone. Mr. Chiras stated he would be ok with the field and road moved. Mr. Pickart offered the suggestion of geogrid to significantly reduce the impact of the road. Mr. Pickart pointed out there was one section where the retaining walls at the back of the site were up against the 35 foot no disturb zone.

#### **Enforcement Actions**

None

#### **Minutes**

There are no minutes to approve at this meeting.

#### **Executive Session**

None

#### **Other**

##### 573 Roosevelt Drive (Lot 29 Presidential Farms)

Ms. Carroll provided the final signature on the Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) and the RDA was then given to the applicant.

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

Motion made by Ms. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Arbuckle. The NCC voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting about 8:08PM.

Respectfully submitted,

DATE APPROVED:

  
Barbara A. Kinney  
Conservation Administrative Assistant

*November 07, 2018*