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### Meeting Minutes November 06, 2019

Justin Arbuckle, Barbara McNamee, Cindy Campbell and Rich Chiras were present. Justine Carroll was absent. Barbara Kinney, Conservation Commission (NCC) Administrative Assistant, was also present and David Pickart, Conservation Agent, was absent. There are two (2) open vacancies on the NCC.

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

#### Citizen's Forum

None

#### **(248-660) Off Spring Street (Winston Woods) (Map 15A, Parcels 224-232)**

Proposed construction of a 9-lot residential subdivision located off Spring Street. The applicant is Brian Fitzgerald represented by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. (G & H), 1029 Providence Road, Whitinsville, MA 01588.

Brian Fitzgerald met with several Department Heads at G & H because Ron Tubman has left the company. He is working with an engineer in the Milford office to make changes to the plans. He is hoping to have the plans submitted to the NCC before the end of the year. He is asking for a continuance and for the NCC to be patient a little longer.

*Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Ms. Campbell. The NCC voted 4-0 to continue the Public Hearing to December 18, 2019 at 7:05PM.*

It is noted that the NCC stated that if the changes are significant to the plans then they will continue the Public Hearing and have the applicant re-notify the abutters.

#### **(248-673) McQuade's Lane (Solar Facility) (Map 25, Parcel 44)**

Proposed construction of a ground-mounted solar array with work within the Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) and 100 foot buffer zone. The work includes stormwater management systems, driveway, and two (2) wetland crossings to create access where no alternative means of access is feasible. The applicant is Northbridge McQuade, LLC represented by Beals & Thomas, Inc. (B & T), 144 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA 01772.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) file number has been received with comments. Eric Las of B & T and Ethan Gyles of Nexamp gave an update and brief summary of the project. There are two wetland crossings. B & T has formally responded to the DEP comments. Graves Engineering has issued a comment letter. The plans are

still in progress and the final set should be coming soon addressing everyone's concerns. Some modeling has been added for the design points. The one wetland offsite has been located and they have moved the fence two (2) feet to stay out of the 100 foot buffer. The construction period and a sediment and erosion control plan will be added to the revised plans. There will be stump grind berms and check dams on the large open space during the construction of the arrays. There will be some replication and the plans will reflect this with the suggested plantings and seed mix.

*Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Chiras. The NCC voted 4-0 to continue the Public Hearing to November 20, 2019 at 7:15pm.*

**Old / New Business****Forest Legacy Program** – Discussion/Review

The NCC reviewed and discussed the forest legacy program and the Agent will draft a letter in support of this effort for review by the Board of Selectmen.

**Agent Hours** – Vote

*Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Chiras. The NCC voted 4-0 to increase the agent's hours as discussed.*

**Enforcement Actions**

None

**Minutes****May 1, 2019**

*Motion made by Mr. Chiras and seconded by Mr. Arbuckle. The NCC voted 3-0-1 (Ms. Campbell abstained) to accept the minutes of May 1, 2019 as written.*

**October 16, 2019**

*Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Chiras. The NCC voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of October 16, 2019 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 Ms. Campbell. The NCC voted 4-0 to accept the 2020 Meeting Schedule.*

*Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Chiras. The NCC voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting about 8:00PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara A. Kinney  
Conservation Administrative Assistant

DATE APPROVED:



November 06, 2019

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## WEEKLY REPORTS

- October 31, 2019

### **ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AT MEETING**