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Meeting Minutes June 16, 2021

Justine Carroll, Justin Arbuckle (via ZOOM), Rich Chiras, Steve Gniadek, and Barbara McNamee were present. Cindy Campbell was late. Barbara Kinney, Conservation Commission (NCC) Administrative Assistant and David Pickart, NCC Agent, were also present. There is one (1) open vacancy on the NCC.

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

Citizen's Forum

None

Cindy Campbell arrived at 7:03PM.

(248-684) 0 Glen Drive (Map 9, Parcel 56)

Proposed construction of a single-family dwelling with associated earthwork and on-site sewage disposal system within the 100 foot buffer to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW). The applicant is Eastland Partners, Inc. represented by Turning Point Engineering, PO Box 757, Sutton, MA 01590.

The applicant has requested a continuance to the next meeting. Several residents voiced their concerns. A formal modification to the Definitive Subdivision "D & B Estates" is needed from the Planning Board. Kirstie Miersma, 288 Goldthwaite Road, explained that the runoff ultimately ends up on her property. The applicant is looking at redesigning the property to lower an area.

Motion made by J. Carroll and seconded by S. Gniadek. The NCC voted 5-0 to continue the Public Hearing to July 21, 2021 at 7:05PM.

(03-RDA-2021) 1067 Mendon Road (Map 32, Parcel 24)

Proposed construction of an in-ground swimming pool and patio within the buffer zone of Miscoe Brook. The applicant for the project is Craig Consigli represented by Juliano's Pools, 321 Talcottville Road, Vernon, CT 06066.

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

Brian Juliano, Juliano's Pools, explained that this request is for a swimming pool that will extend 13 feet beyond the deck and will be 18 feet long. This will occur within the 100 foot buffer zone. D. Pickart did extensive research and this portion of Miscoe Brook is not perennial. There is a gentle slope towards the resource area but it is steeper closer to the house. Erosion controls need to be installed. Ledge is very near the surface. D. Pickart

suggests issuing a negative determination #5 with an exemption under 3:10 CMR 10.02(2)(b)2e.

Motion made by C. Campbell and seconded by R. Chiras. The NCC voted 5-0 to issue a negative determination of applicability #5 with an exemption under 3:10 CMR 10.02(2)(b)2e.

(248-653 / 248-665) Syncarpha Northbridge I / II Solar
Requests for Certificates of Compliance (COC)

Jeff Walsh, Graves Engineering, Devin Howe, Beals Associates, Rusfid Haroon, CS Energy, and Dave Pickart, Conservation Agent attended a site walk. There are about 24 items that need to be addressed. The solar projects are ready at connect to the electric grid. Report(s) regarding the site walk will be coming. There is more vegetation growing in and the basins look good. This will be placed on an upcoming meeting once they confirm they are ready.

Waterways Litter Clean-up - Discussion

Yvette Ayotte-Kind has lived here for six (6) years and has been picking up litter. However, she cannot reach some of it in the waterways. The NCC explained to her that some ponds are town owned and some are privately owned. For example, Arcade Pond is owned by the Town but the pond near the Linwood Mill is privately owned. She is disgusted with the litter she has picked up such as dirty diapers, baskets, fishing line, bobbers, hooks, a partial dresser and general trash. The NCC explained that there is not a lot that can be done about the litter. The NCC discussed the possibility of hosting some clean up days to help keep the litter down. They also discussed how to get awareness out to the town and recruit volunteers. Another idea that was discussed was "adopt a street program" but more research needs to be done. The NCC also discussed maybe getting other programs involved such as the Heritage Corridor and / or the Chamber of Commerce. This will be an ongoing discussion.

Old / New Business

(248-685) 2653 Providence Road – Vote on Order of Conditions (OOC)

Motion made by J. Carroll and seconded by S. Gniadek. The NCC voted 5-0 to issue the OOC for 2653 Providence Road.

(248-686) Lot 52, 0 Genivieve Drive – Vote on OOC

Motion made by J. Carroll and seconded by S. Gniadek. The NCC voted 5-0 to issue the OOC for Lot 52, 0 Genivieve Drive.

(248-650) Ashton Place – Request for COC

Motion made by J. Carroll and seconded by S. Gniadek. The NCC voted 5-0 to issue the COC for Ashton Place.

Leland Road – Department of Public Works (DPW) Emergency Certification

The DPW has a signed contract for the work to be done. Some work will be in the wetlands and the buffer zone.

Motion made by R. Chiras and seconded by S. Gniadek. The NCC voted 5-0 to accept the emergency certification.

Vacancy – Discussion

Motion made by R. Chiras and seconded by J. Carroll. The NCC voted 5-0 to recommend both Chloe Mawn and Cindee Cummiskey to fill vacancies on the Commission. Cindy Campbell has decided to not be reappointed.

Violations

172-174 Linwood Avenue – Motion made by J. Carroll and seconded by R. Chiras. The NCC voted 5-0 to issue an enforcement order.

Other**School Street (Lovey's)**

D. Pickart cautioned discussion regarding this property since the owner is not present. Beth Trifaro explained what she sent in her emails and what her concerns are. D. Pickart explained that the wetland boundaries will need to be delineated before any work is done. She is concerned because it was a dump site many years ago.

Meetings

Governor Baker passed legislation allowing meetings via remote (ZOOM) until April 2022. The NCC discussed how they wish to hold future meetings for the foreseeable future. They like the hybrid as it gives everyone a choice. However, the NCC members will be in person and they also request that any applicants / representatives attend in person as well.

Motion made by J. Carroll and seconded by R. Chiras. The NCC voted 5-0 to hold the meetings in person with a ZOOM link for residents who wish to attend remotely.

Community Preservation Committee

B. McNamee is the current representative from the NCC. She will ask the new members if they are interested in being the representative. She will continue if no one else is interested. The NCC will vote on this at their next meeting.

July 07, 2021 meeting

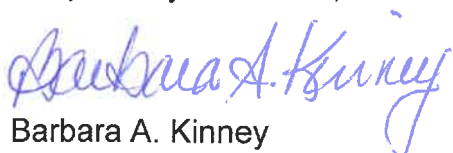
Motion made by J. Carroll and seconded by R. Chiras. The NCC voted 5-0 to cancel the meeting of July 07, 2021 due to a potential lack of quorum.

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

Adjournment

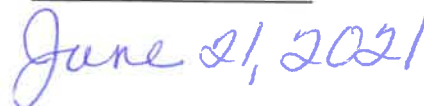
Motion made by J. Carroll and seconded by R. Chiras. The NCC voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting about 8:49PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara A. Kinney
Conservation Administrative Assistant

DATE APPROVED:



June 16, 2021

CONSERVATION MAIL LIST

FROM	DATE	SUBJECT
Turning Point Engineering	06/15/2021	0 Glen Drive Request for Continuance
Julianos Pools	05/27/2021	1067 Mendon Road RDA
Safety Committee	06/16/2021	Shining Rock Access – Ownership, etc.
Lot 2 Union Street	06/15/2021	Site Visit and Videos / Pictures
Conservation Agent	05/18/2020	Lot 52, 0 Genivieve Drive Review Report
Conservation Agent	06/15/2021	Ashton Place Review Report
Conservation Agent	06/15/2021	Email Church Ave (School St) Farmstand Access
Conservation Agent	06/16/2021	Email Church Ave (School St) Farmstand Access
Building Inspector	06/16/2021	Email Land Development by Gary Vecchione
MSMCP	06/16/2021	Email Govenor Signs Bill Extending Remote Meetings

WEEKLY REPORTS

- May 30, 2021 to June 05, 2021
- June 06, 2021 to June 12, 2021

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AT MEETING