



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes March 13, 2013

Joy Anderson, Andrew Chagnon, Bill Dausey, John Brown and Justin Arbuckle were present. Terry Bradley and Cheryl Peckham were absent. Barbara Kinney, Administrative Assistant was also present.

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

Citizen's Forum

Stan Piecewicz of C & S Realty was here for Carpenter Estates. He needs to do more testing for infiltration on the site requiring another crossing of the stream at the entrance to the project. Mr. Piecewicz will use a rubber tire track machine and the testing will be on the side of the proposed road and on some of the lots. The testing itself will not be within the 100 foot buffer zone. The testing is because Mr. Piecewicz is looking to do a modification to the subdivision using Low Impact Development (LID) Techniques. Mr. Piecewicz stated that they will be in once and out once. The testing can probably be completed in the same day.

Mr. Chagnon explained to the other members that this is an approved subdivision and Mr. Piecewicz needs to cross the stream and the property is still in its natural state. The Conservation Commission (NCC) discussed whether a swamp mat would be needed and it will not be needed. Mr. Chagnon is comfortable with what they propose to do as they have been over the stream several times already using the same methods. This is the best time of the year for the crossing. This is an approved subdivision so the roadway will be constructed over the stream. The rest of the NCC agrees that it is fine to be done.

(248-595) 4 North Main Street (Map 6A, Parcel 29)

Proposed razing of an existing 4,025 square foot automobile maintenance garage and construct a new 2,180 square foot building for automobile maintenance, convenience store and gas station with a portion of the project within 100 feet of Arcade Pond. The applicant is Arcade Properties, Inc. represented by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., 1029 Providence Road, Whitinsville, MA 01588.

Mike Weaver from Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. (G & H) was present and discussed the concerns that were raised at the last meeting when Normand Gamache of G & H was present. Updated plans were also provided. Mr. Weaver gave a quick overview stating that the monitoring wells will be maintained during construction (See Note 13 on the revised plans), the tire scrubber area is now shown on the plans and notes on the detail sheet dealing with street sweeping and erosion controls were added. The street sweeping in the notes says that it will be done once a week and additionally by the request of the Town of

Northbridge when needed. Also, notes on dewatering states that any and all permits will be obtained at construction time.

The runoff from the site has been captured as much as possible. The capacity was checked to see if additional runoff could be captured, but it is at its maximum for the 25 year storm. Anything more than that would flow to the pond untreated anyway. Mr. Chagnon asked if anything additional under the 25 year storm could be captured and treated as the pipes should have room to handle it. He then explained that the gas station has a high pollutant load and if the smaller storms could capture additional pavement runoff for treatment it would be better.

Jeff Howland of JH Engineering (peer review) looked at the drainage from the opposite end to see if the updated drainage was bringing too much water in that direction. During the Planning Board review, the calculations were done and came back with at capacity at the 25 year storm. There is potential for street flooding even with the smaller storms.

Motion made by Mr. Chagnon and seconded by Mr. Dausey. The NCC voted 5-0 to close the Public Hearing.

Motion made by Mr. Dausey and seconded by Ms. Anderson. The NCC voted 5-0 to approve the plans entitled "Site Plans for 4 North Main Street" dated December 3, 2012 with a final revision date of February 28, 2013 with the condition: Submit to the NCC the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for review before construction starts.

(01-RDA-2013) 110 Fir Hill Lane (Lot 12 Hemlock Estates) (Map 19, Parcel 366)

Proposed construction of a 14 foot by 24 foot addition to an existing deck on the west side of the dwelling. The work will be done by hand to minimize damage to the lawn. The applicant is John Arrigan, 110 Fir Hill Lane, Northbridge, MA 01534.

John Arrigan wants to build an addition to the deck in the back of the dwelling and there is a wetland shown on the plans in the front of the property. The area is lawn now so it has been previously disturbed. Mr. Chagnon suggested putting hay bales down gradient. This is not needed as Mr. Arrigan is only putting in footings (sonotube type).

Motion made by Mr. Dausey and seconded by Ms. Anderson. The NCC voted 5-0 to issue a negative determination with the condition that 48 hours notice is given to the NCC before the start of construction.

Minutes

February 27, 2013

Motion made by Mr. Dausey and seconded by Mr. Chagnon. The NCC voted 5-0 to accept the minutes of February 27, 2013 with changes.

Old / New Business

184 Nathaniel Drive – Release from or Partial OOC

The NCC issued a letter explaining that the open Order of Conditions is only for the monitoring of all replication areas for a period of two years commencing on June 1, 2007 and everything else was released under the PARTIAL Certificate of Compliance that was

already issued (recorded in Book 40305 on Page 314), so Lot 108 (184 Nathaniel Drive) was release from the Order of Conditions with that partial Certificate of Compliance.

Elsa Mason Property – Cut Trees

Stuart DeJong of the Whittin Garden Club came in per the NCC's request and confirmed that he is cutting the trees as part of the maintenance of the gardens. The NCC explained that an abutter called with the concern. Mr. DeJong explained about some of the complaints in the past and that in 2008 the NCC reviewed the garden area and Mr. Mills issued a letter stating that this is part of the maintenance and they are allowed to cut trees, etc. to maintain the garden area. Mr. DeJong mentioned that three more trees will be cut down in that area.

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

Motion made by Mr. Dausey and seconded by Ms Anderson. The NCC voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at or about 8:39PM.

Respectfully submitted,

DATE APPROVED: April 10, 2013

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Conservation Administrative Assistant