



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes January 14, 2015

Gerry Ouillette, Jeremy Deorsey, Andrew Chagnon, Bill Dausey and Justin Arbuckle were present. Joy Anderson was a few minutes late. Barbara Kinney, Administrative Assistant was also present.

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

Citizen's Forum

Matthew Keith is a Boy Scout looking for suggestions for his Eagle Scout project. He is 16, so he has some time to complete it. The Conservation Commission (NCC) suggested the Arcade Pond area and the Carr Street Cemetery. Mr. Keith will need to check with Brian Bliss on which project he is doing for his Eagle Scout project and Mr. Keith could do the other one or they could split out / share the Arcade Pond project. A suggestion for the Carr Street cemetery could be some history signage as it houses some of the original founding fathers. An additional suggestion for the Arcade Pond project could be to have a more defined parking area. (Ms. Anderson arrived). The Shining Rock trails and the Elsa Mason trails were recently used for scouting projects. There is another area behind Balmer School but the NCC is not sure if work was done there recently.

Old / New Business

(248-538) Carpenter Estates . Pre-Construction Discussion

The developer is going to start work on the project. The new owner is Mujeeb Ahmed and Dale Bangma, Quarry Hill Excavating, will be doing the construction. They wanted to know if the NCC had any questions for them. Dave Crossman, Wetland Scientist, will be onsite for the owner. The NCC agreed to have JH Engineering provide the site inspections in conjunction with his inspections for the Planning Board.

Mr. Bangma reviewed the sequencing of the construction for the NCC. He will clear the trees, then two 24 inch temporary pipes will cross the stream for access to the site. The temporary pipes will sit on the stream bed with no excavation. Filter fabric can be put over the pipes. Once the culvert span has been constructed, the temporary pipes will be removed. It will be a 3 sided culvert with an open bottom. The NCC requested Mr. Bangma submit a written document of the sequencing of construction and removal of the pipes. Mr. Bangma is to notify the NCC when the pipes have been installed so the NCC can inspect them. They can cut the trees, but no stumping yet.

The NCC then reviewed the Special Conditions in the Order of Conditions (OOC). A bond will need to be in place to cover the replication area. A cash bond is fine. Once Mr. Bangma submits an estimate of the cost (fair market value) the NCC will review the amount. Then the bond can be put in place. The NCC agrees that the bond must be in

place by 30 days from the start of the project. The bond amount will include the earthwork, importing of soils, plantings and the oversight of the botanist. The bond can be released after one growing season if the replication area looks good. Also, the NCC needs confirmation in writing (Email is acceptable) from the DPW that when the project is completed, the DPW will maintain the swales, rain gardens, etc. or some other mechanism will be in place for their maintenance.

(248-553) Presidential Farms . Order of Conditions Extension Request

Motion made by Mr. Chagnon and seconded by Mr. Ouillette. The NCC voted 6-0 to extend the OOC to January 9, 2017.

Executive Session Minutes . Review for Release

None to release at this time.

Minutes

December 10, 2014

Motion made by Mr. Chagnon and seconded by Ms. Anderson. The NCC voted 5-0-1 (Mr. Deorsey abstained) to approve the December 10, 2014 minutes as written.

Enforcement Actions

None

Other

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

Motion made by Mr. Ouillette and seconded by Mr. Chagnon. The NCC voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting on or about 8:00PM.

Executive Session

Nothing for executive session at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

DATE APPROVED:

Barbara A. Kinney
Conservation Administrative Assistant