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Meeting Minutes October 14, 2015

Bill Dausey, Gerry Ouillette, Justin Arbuckle, Joy Anderson and Rich Chiras were present. Cindy Campbell was late (7:10PM). Jeremy Deorsey were absent. Barbara Kinney, Administrative Assistant was also present.

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

Citizen's Forum None

(02-RDA-2015) 1405 Quaker Street (Map 28, Parcel 6)

Proposed harvesting of timber from the wooded wetland lot associated with the property. The timber collected (3 to 5 cords) will be used for the sole purpose of a primary heating source of the dwelling. The applicant is Melissa Fossbender, 1405 Quaker Street, Northbridge, MA 01534.

There was no one present for this Public Meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Ouillette. The Conservation Commission (NCC) voted 5-0 to continue the Public Meeting to November 4, 2015 at 7:05PM.

Ms. Campbell arrived.

(248-626) Whitinsville Christian School, 279 Linwood Avenue (Map 14, Parcel 5)

Proposed construction of a 214 space bituminous parking area with associated grading and stormwater management. The applicant is Whitinsville Christian School represented by Andrews Survey & Engineering (ASE), PO Box 312, 104 Mendon Street, Uxbridge, MA 01569.

Travis Brown, ASE, explained the parking area with the landscaping. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) file number has been received. Mr. Dausey, Mr. Ouillette, Mr. Chiras and Mr. Arbuckle were present for the site walk.

Mr. Arbuckle commented that the site is pretty hilly. The fill will be coming from Osterman Commerce Park and he thinks it is pretty clean fill. Mr. Arbuckle likes the design and thinks it is a good use of space. The grading will be kept to a minimum with a tiered parking area. On the site walk with Steve O'Connell, ASE, the members present reviewed the intermittent stream and saw evidence of recent flow from the last rainstorm.

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Chiras. The NCC voted 6-0 to close the Public Hearing.

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Chiras. The NCC voted 6-0 to approve the plan "Site Development Plan Proposed Parking Lot 279 Linwood Avenue" dated September 9, 2015.

(05-RDA-2015) 39 Glen Drive (Map 9, Parcel 28)

Proposed replacement of a septic system in the buffer zone of a wetland. The applicant is Louis Weirisma represented by Land Planning, Inc., 214 Worcester Street, North Grafton, MA 01536.

Cindy Hill of Land Planning explained that this is a failed septic system that needs repair / replacement. It will be over 50 feet from the wetlands. The NCC reviewed the plans, the slope elevation(s), etc.

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Ms. Anderson. The NCC voted 6-0 to issue a negative determination for the plan entitled "On-site Sewage Disposal System for the repair of Single Family Home with 3 bedrooms Located at 39 Glen Drive" dated September 18, 2015 with a final revision date of September 29, 2015.

Old / New Business

(248-470) Hemlock Estates – Extension Request to Order of Conditions

Mr. Dausey recused himself (he lives in the subdivision). The NCC discussed how long the extension should be approved for. The applicant has asked for three years.

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Ms. Anderson. The NCC voted 5-0-1 (Mr. Dausey abstained) to approve the extension for three years.

Enforcement Actions

None

Minutes

June 24, 2015

There was no quorum to approve these minutes.

July 8, 2015

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Ms. Anderson. The NCC voted 4-0-1 (Mr. Chiras abstained) to approve the July 8, 2015 minutes as written. (This vote was taken at the beginning of the meeting).

July 22, 2015

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Ouillette. The NCC voted 4-0-1 (Mr. Chiras abstained) to approve the July 22, 2015 minutes as written. (This vote was taken at the beginning of the meeting).

August 12, 2015

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Ouillette. The NCC voted 4-0-1 (Mr. Chiras abstained) to approved the August 12, 2015 minutes with revisions. (This vote was taken at the beginning of the meeting).

August 26, 2015

Motion made by Ms. Campbell and seconded by Ms. Anderson. The NCC voted 4-0-2 (Mr. Chiras and Mr. Arbuckle abstained) to approve the August 26, 2015 minutes with changes.

September 23, 2015

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Ouillette. The NCC voted 4-0-2 (Ms. Anderson and Ms. Campbell abstained) to approve the minutes of September 23, 2015 as written.

Executive Session

None

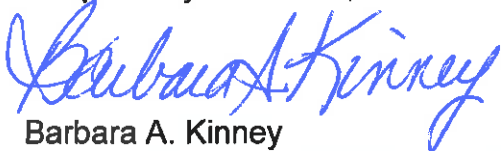
OtherAlternatives Hydroelectric

The NCC reviewed the Re-Certification Application Package for The Alternatives Hydro Power Project Mumford River (LIHI Cert. #00050) per the request of Franc Logic who will be doing the recertification. They have requested the NCC's perspective regarding the project's proposed operation satisfying its licensed environmental obligations and our views pertaining to the project being "low impact." The NCC determined, in their opinion, that the project is low impact because it is a small system that does not impede the water flow.

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

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Ms. Anderson. The NCC voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting on or about 8:12PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara A. Kinney
Conservation Administrative Assistant

DATE APPROVED:

