



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes January 13, 2016

Gerry Ouillette, Justin Arbuckle, Bill Dausey, Joy Anderson and Rich Chiras were present. Cindy Campbell was absent. Barbara Kinney, Administrative Assistant was also present.

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

Citizen's Forum

Mike Hughes of Whitinsville Golf Club spoke to the Conservation Commission (NCC) regarding the proposed removal of 38 trees within the jurisdiction of an intermittent stream. The Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) will be filed today. The NCC scheduled a site visit for Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 10:00AM.

(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.

Melissa Fossbender was present. The NCC reviewed the Email from Cindy Campbell who visited the site. Three to four trees are broken and / or hanging over. One group of three trunks will have two of the trunks removed as they are hanging over. One tree across from the group of three will be taken down as well. The trees are about 25 to 35 feet from the wetland boundary. The eight trees that are proposed to come down will be burnt for firewood in the dwelling. The trees will be removed when the ground is frozen.

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Ouillette. The NCC voted 5-0 to issue a negative determination.

Old / New Business

97 Jon Circle – Discussion

There was no one present for this. It will be tabled to the next meeting and Ms. Kinney will contact the owner to remind them to come to the next meeting.

Jacob Bliss – Proposed Eagle Scout Project

Jacob Bliss of Troop 155 explained his proposed Eagle Scout Project at Shining Rock. He provided photos and this project will be done in four phases. The NCC approves of the project. Mr. Dausey will be point person that will be the NCC contact, will generally oversee the project and he signed the appropriate scout documentation. Ms. Kinney will

provide Mr. Bliss with the liability release forms that will need to be filled out and returned to the NCC.

(248-594) Lots 32 & 33 Shining Rock Drive – Request to Amend the Order of Conditions (OOC)

Garrett Tunison of Tunison Dias stated that he will provide the NCC with a copy of the trail management plan for Shining Rock.

He reviewed the proposed amendment to change the name to the new owner on the OOC and also requested an extension to the open OOC for Lots 32 & 33 Shining Rock Drive.

Motion made by Mr. Ouillette and seconded by Mr. Arbuckle. The NCC voted 5-0 to amend the OOC to change the name of the owner and extend the OOC for one year.

Executive Session Minutes – Review for Release

There are no Executive Session minutes to release at this time.

Enforcement Actions

None

Minutes

December 9, 2015

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Chiras. The NCC voted 5-0 to approve the December 9, 2015 minutes as written.

Other

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

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Ouillette. The NCC voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting on or about 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

DATE APPROVED:



Barbara A. Kinney
Conservation Administrative Assistant



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Letter dated January 10, 2016 from Whitinsville Golf Course