



## TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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### Meeting Minutes August 24, 2016

Justin Arbuckle, Joy Anderson, Roland Hachey, Gerry Ouillette, Rich Chiras, and Bill Dausey were present. Cindy Campbell was late and arrived at 7:06PM. David Pickart, Conservation Agent was present but had to leave early and Barbara Kinney, Administrative Assistant were also present.

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

#### Citizen's Forum

None

#### (248- ) Off Sutton Street Shining Rock Emergency Maintenance (Map 22A, Parcels 174 & 175)

For the emergency maintenance that was completed on an irrigation mail underneath the Blackstone River located within the areas of Riverfront, Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) and Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (BLSF) located off Sutton Street. The applicant is Shining Rock Golf Club represented by Strong Point Engineering Solutions, LLC, 115 Main Street, Suite 2B, North Easton, MA 02356.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) file # has not been received yet.

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Ouillette. They Conservation Commission (NCC) voted 6-0 to continue the Public Hearing to September 16, 2016 at 7:10PM.

*Ms. Campbell arrived at 7:06PM.*

#### Old / New Business

None

#### Enforcement Actions

##### Church St / Providence Road – Enforcement Order Discussion

Mr. Pickart explained that he has walked most of the site during a site visit. He commented that there are some remnants of some very nice trails.

The clearing was not adhered to a 50% canopy and the buffer strips were not discussed at the site visit. The area has clearly been cut and not a lot can be done about it now. The focus needs to be on what can be done to help stabilize the area and remediate the resource areas. From Route 122 (Providence Road), the access road definitely crossed a wetland. In another area, the skidder paths disturbed resource areas and that

constitutes fill. Not all the wetlands have been identified yet. As part of an enforcement order it can be required that the whole site be looked at and stabilized in areas to prevent wash out(s) and runoff onto adjacent properties. Hydro-seeding could be required. Plans will need to be submitted. The owner(s), their agent(s), etc. can be required to restore the disturbed resource area(s).

Whoever is retained must do an inventory of the property(s) and provide details and timeframe on the plan to regenerate the disturbed area(s) including some replanting. The wetland near the high school property was clear cut. Some plantings of hemlocks could be required to replace some of the soft wood trees that were cut to help regenerate the hemlock swamp. A peer review of the property could be required per the NCC at the owner's expense.

The NCC then reviewed the enforcement order draft that has been prepared by Mr. Pickart. The cleaning and inspecting of the culvert on Leland Road needs to be added to the enforcement order. It also needs to be determined on whose property the culvert is located. The culvert is located over by the garages and not on the property that was forest cut. Per the Castell's, they don't think anyone would mind them going onto the property to clean and inspect the culvert. Also, the NCC needs to find out if the DPW maintains the culvert and if they have any easement. As a courtesy, the abutters along Leland Road will be notified about the enforcement order.

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr. Ouillette. The NCC voted 7-0 to issue the enforcement order with the amendment dealing with the culvert.

*Mr. Pickart left the meeting at 7:45pm.*

#### **Minutes**

None

#### **Other**

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

Susan Spencer, a reporter, emailed Mr. Dausey today and he told her that the NCC will probably issue an enforcement order and the timeframe for the party(s) to respond. They will also be required to come to the next meeting.


#### **Executive Session**

Under MGL Ch 30A, S21 #3 – to discuss strategy with respect to potential litigation.

Motion made by Mr. Arbuckle and seconded by Ms. Campbell. The NCC voted 7-0 by roll call vote to adjourn the meeting to go into Executive Session at about 8:07PM and they will not return to an open meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

DATE APPROVED:

  
Barbara A. Kinney  
Conservation Administrative Assistant

*October 4, 2017*

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### ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS USED AT MEETING