



## **TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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**Meeting Minutes  
December 06, 2017**

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Barbara McNamee, Cindy Campbell, Justine Carroll, Gerry Ouillette, Justin Arbuckle, and Rich Chiras were present. Joy Anderson was absent. Barbara Kinney, Administrative Assistant and David Pickart, Conservation Agent, were present.

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

### **Citizen's Forum None**

#### **(05-RDA-2017) 224 Lincoln Circle (Presidential Farms) (Map 19, Parcel 261)**

Proposed installation of an 18 foot by 36 foot in-ground swimming pool within the 100 foot buffer zone, but will not encroach into the inner 50 feet of the resource area. The applicant is Shawn & Julie Roby, 224 Lincoln Circle, Northbridge, MA 01534.

The legal requirements have been satisfied including the posting of the legal ad. The owner was present. Mr. Pickart explained that this is the same lot that they requested to cut down a tree in the past. This project is close to being exempt as the in-ground pool is proposed in the outer 50 feet of the 100 foot buffer zone. Even if it was closer than the 50 feet there would be no adverse impact to the resource area. Erosion controls should be placed along side of the wetlands (no silt fence is needed). Mr. Pickart continued that the Conservation Commission (NCC) could issue a Determination of Applicability (DOA) with a negative #3 or a negative #5. This determination is not subject to the Town of Northbridge Wetlands Bylaw.

Motion made by Mr. Ouillette and seconded by Ms. Campbell. The NCC voted 6-0 to issue the negative determination under #3 with the installation of erosion controls placed along the side of the wetlands.

### **Old / New Business**

#### **Balmer School – Informational Meeting**

Joe Strazzoula and Andrew Chagnon from the Balmer School Project Committee explained the background of the school and the wetlands that are located in the back of the school. There is no hard design yet and they need to narrow the scenarios down to one.

The state funding for schools is so stringent. In order to get the grant money, they need to prove that the plan is sustainable, appropriate, and financially responsible. This process started in 2009 with statements of interest. However, they were not accepted into the

program until now. Any funding would be for a renovation only, renovation with major upgrades, renovation with an addition, or a new building. They looked at everything. It is a possibility that the elementary school children will be moved from the Northbridge Elementary School to the new and / or improved Balmer School. If that is done, there will be no need to do this process for the renovations to Northbridge Elementary School in the future. Handouts were passed out. Mr. Chagnon stated that there is lots of information out on Northbridge's website. A Notice of Intent (NOI) will be filed once all deadlines are met to the MA School Building Authority (MSBA) and approvals made. However, a decision on which design to submit needs to happen first.

(248-626) Whitinsville Christian School – Request for Certificate of Compliance (COC)  
Travis Brown of Andrews Engineering (ASE) was present. Mr. Pickart stated that the area looks spectacular and the erosion controls should be removed and he recommends that the NCC issue a full COC.

Motion made by Ms. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Chiras. The NCC voted 6-0 to issue the full COC.

(248-616) 375 Moon Hill Road – Request for COC

Mr. Brown of ASE and Melody Nydam, Impact Roads Construction, were present. Mr. Pickart stated that this project is two tiered with the original Order of Conditions (OOC) issued to Melody Nydam and an amendment and extension issued to Amanda Smith, the current owner of the property. Everything looks good and all work has been completed. There is no evidence of dead plants that Mr. Pickart could see. The erosion controls should be removed.

Motion made by Ms. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Chiras. The NCC voted 6-0 to issue the COC.

(248-573) The Camelot – Request to Extend OOC

Mr. Brown of ASE was present and requested an extension to the OOC. The letter request was dated November 09, 2017 and the OOC expired on November 10, 2017. However, the letter was not emailed to the NCC office until November 30, 2017.

Mr. Pickart spoke with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and explained the possible options to the NCC. What has been completed so far is 99% outside of the NCC's jurisdiction (just some work near a resource area on Joseph Circle. However, there is a wetland crossing coming in a future phase.

The Planning Board and other departments are working hard to get things finished such as the sidewalks. If the extension is not granted, then the project could be legally delayed. Mr. Pickart recommends granting the extension for one year and to think about what to do in a year if the project is not completed by then. DEP has done this post-date granting in the past but the extension would need to be backdated to the date of expiration. At the 2018 expiration, one possibility would be to file a new NOI at that time for any work that is not completed.

Motion made by Mr. Chiras and seconded by Ms. McNamee. The NCC voted 6-0 to extend the OOC for one year from the date of expiration of 11/10/17 to 11/10/18.

**Enforcement Actions****(248-625) 342 Cooper Road – Enforcement Order**

The certified return receipt documents came back from the post office as undeliverable. Motion made by Mr. Ouillette and seconded by Ms. Campbell. The NCC voted 6-0 to resend the enforcement order by certified mail and regular mail. Ms. Kinney will return the voice mail that was left for the NCC from someone at 342 Cooper Rd.

**Minutes**

None

**Executive Session**

None

**Other****Forest Cutting Providence Rd. / Church St.**

Mr. Pickart discussed the preliminary wetland delineation that Beals and Associates is preparing. Mr. Pickart and the Town Planner will attend a meeting to discuss a possible project that could be coming in the future. We don't know what it is yet.

**Forest Cutting McQuade's Lane**

Mr. Pickart has not heard anything bad yet. The NCC office has received the approval documents from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) on this forest cutting plan.

**Conflict of Interest**

Ms. Kinney passed out the conflict of interest information and the members signed the acknowledgements that they received it.

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

Motion made by Mr. Ouillette and seconded by Mr. Chiras. The NCC voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting about 8:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

DATE APPROVED:



Barbara A. Kinney  
Conservation Administrative Assistant



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### ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AT MEETING

- Preliminary Wetland Mapping 11/17/17 Forest Cutting at Providence Road
- W. Edward Balmer School Presentation
- NCC Agent Report 12/06/17