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**Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2016**

Cindy Campbell, Roland Hachey, Gerry Ouillette, Justin Arbuckle, and Barbara McNamee were present. Joy Anderson and Richard Chiras were absent. David Pickart, Conservation Agent and Barbara Kinney, Administrative Assistant were also present.

Mr. Arbuckle opened the meeting at 7:01PM.

**Citizen's Forum  
None**

**(06-RDA-2016) 142 Rebecca Road (The Camelot) (Map 16, Parcel 280)**

Proposed installation of a 16 foot by 32 foot in-ground swimming pool within the 100 foot buffer zone. The pool will have non-discharging filter and salt sanitizer system. The applicant is Joe and Sara Allocca, 142 Rebecca Road, Whitinsville, MA 01588.

The legal requirements have been satisfied including posting of the legal ad. The (Conservation Commission) NCC reviewed the agent's report. They discussed the differences and benefits of a salt water swimming pool versus a chlorinated one. It was explained that the salt in the pool is like the salt in saline for your eyes and not the salt that is found in the ocean. The pool location is where there is lawn now. The pool will have a liner and it will not be gunite. The Certificate of Compliance (COC) was issued for the previous filing on the dwelling.

Motion made by Mr. Ouillette and seconded by Ms. Campbell. The NCC voted 5-0 to issue a negative determination for 142 Rebecca Road for the in-ground swimming pool.

**(248-641) Off Sutton Street Shining Rock Emergency Maintenance (Map 22A, Parcels 174 & 175)**

For the emergency maintenance that was completed on an irrigation main 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 been received.

Motion made by Mr. Ouillette and seconded by Ms. Campbell. The NCC voted 5-0 to close the Public Hearing.

Motion made by Mr. Ouillette and seconded by Ms. Campbell. The NCC voted 4-0-1 (Ms. McNamee abstained) to issue the Order of Conditions (OOC) for Shining Rock Emergency Maintenance of the Irrigation line located off Sutton Street according to the plan "Irrigation Main Emergency Repair" dated July 13, 2016 and prepared by Strong Point Engineering.

### **Old / New Business**

#### **(248-553) Phases III & IV Presidential Farms – Request for COC**

Mr. Pickart reviewed his report with the NCC. Everything is completed except one small area of erosion that will be addressed during the construction of the bike / walking path. There are two small areas of purple loosestrife but the percentage is well below the percentage for invasive species.

Motion made by Mr. Ouillette and seconded by Mr. Hachey. The NCC voted 5-0 to issue the COC for Presidential Farms Phases III and IV.

### **Enforcement Actions**

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

Motion made by Mr. Ouillette and seconded by Mr. Hachey. The NCC voted 5-0 to ratify the enforcement order. The NCC members signed the enforcement order.

Attorney David Sacco, representing John McCarthy, was present and explained that this is a logging site. Mr. Sacco stated that he would like the NCC to issue / approve an OOC for the remedial actions within five days. The NCC explained that a Notice of Intent (NOI) would need to be submitted before an OOC could be issued.

Erosion controls need to be installed near the Hathaway Transmission building on Providence Road. See Exhibit A of Attorney Sacco's letter dated September 9, 2016 for the proposed scope of work. Mr. McCarthy wants to remove the remaining downed timber, stockpiled cord wood and the rip rap stone at the landing. The entrance from Providence Road is to be grass seeded and loamed per Mr. McCarthy.

Per Mr. McCarthy the work was done according to the forest cutting plan. Now a month and a half has been lost due to the enforcement order. If he has to wait too much longer then it will be too late in the season to seed the area(s). The NCC stated that the plan was not followed and resource areas were destroyed. The northwest corner off Church Street has been stripped and is only mud now. The NCC wanted to know what will be done to stabilize that area because it is a huge hill and can cause major damage. Per Mr. McCarthy, he plans on planting that area.

Mr. Pickart then reviewed Exhibit A. The NCC wanted Mr. McCarthy to install erosion controls before Labor Day and this has not been done. The Police Department has been contacted that Mr. McCarthy is allowed to install erosion controls on the property.

Mr. McCarthy or the owner(s) of the property needs to retain a wetland scientist to prepare a remediation plan. Per Mr. McCarthy, the company that he will be using has been too busy until at least the middle of September to begin the preparation of the remediation plan.

The NCC requests that the wetland area at the Providence Road access be seeded with wetland plantings. Mr. Pickart is to inspect and approve the erosion controls once they are installed. The seeding will benefit areas where major routes were used.

Exhibit A does not address the culvert inspection near the Church Street landing area. The culvert issue is part of the runoff / erosion problem on the site that pre-existed in the past. Mr. McCarthy said that if they have to do something with the culver then they'll do something. It can't be that big of a deal. This requirement will be incorporated into Exhibit A. Ms. Campbell would like the erosion controls on the Church Street side to protect the wetlands, which is her biggest concern.

Mr. Arbuckle stated that this is a good start to what needs to be done. The wetlands need to be protected and they were compromised. The erosion controls need to be installed and some seeding done sooner rather than later. A wetland scientist needs to identify the wetlands and what needs to be done to remediate them.

The NCC discussed allowing the partial removal of the enforcement order so that work can begin. The NCC would like to see the plans of where the seeding is to be taking place. Mr. Pickart has suggested where he would like to see the erosion controls and seeding to take place. A sketch could be prepared to help explain to the members where the work would be done because they are not experts. Mr. McCarthy does not need engineered plans for that. A vote will need to be taken for the temporary remediation. Ms. McNamee had questions on how the seed will be kept from washing away. Mr. McCarthy explained that it would be raked in with heavy machinery. Mr. Ouillette would like to see the Church Street access addressed before the Providence Road access. Ms. Campbell agrees.

The NCC could issue an immediate work permit to allow intermittent work to address the installation of erosion controls and the seeding of Church Street access and hill (with a sign off from the NCC agent). The area off Providence Road does not appear to be in that bad of shape from the limited observation of the site. However, wetlands have been destroyed.

Motion made by Mr. Ouillette to limit the access to the Church Street side only for the purpose of installing the erosion controls. Mr. Arbuckle amended the motion to add erosion controls on the Providence Road side with the Church Street side to address the hill and peak per Mr. Pickart's indication on the plan. Mr. Hachey seconded. The NCC voted 5-0 to accept these conditions for the immediate work permit. Ms. Kinney will inform the police department of the temporary access allowed and that no heavy equipment be used for the erosion control installation and seeding.

**Minutes**

None

**Executive Session**

None

**Other**

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

Motion made by Mr. Ouillette and seconded by Mr. Hachey. The NCC voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting on or about 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

DATE APPROVED:



Barbara A. Kinney

Conservation Administrative Assistant



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**ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS USED AT MEETING**  
**Presidential Farms Phases III & IV Agent Report**

## Presidential Farms Phases III & IV Agent Report