

Conservation Commission Minutes 09/07/10

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Conservation Commission

Minutes

September 7, 2010

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Minutes of the September Meeting of the Northwood Conservation Commission (NCC)

1915 – Chairman Roy opens the meeting.

In attendance: Steve Hampl, Jim Ryan, Loren O’Neil, Paul Lussier, Winifred Young, Stephen Roy

Absent: Mike Matson

Chairman Roy suggests to move the review of minutes of July 6, 2010 meeting to the next meeting, all members agree.

ITEM #1 – Ginger McHugh: Standard Dredge and Fill [After the fact].

The chairman notes that there is not associated packet of info for the NCC on this matter other than a letter from NHDES that states that more information is needed by the State to review the standard dredge & fill application submitted. Ms. McHugh briefly describes the project and states she has already obtained and sent the information the state requested, and is waiting a decision. The chairman of the NCC states that commission is not able to provide comment at this time but that the NCC does retain the right to appeal any approval or decision on the application.

ITEM #2 – CBNA Special Exception request.

Ms. Sarah Ward briefly describes the project to the NCC as one where a span bridge will be constructed over a drainage channel for an intermittently saturated upland wetland [wet area]. Mr. Roy recommends gaps between decking boards for light passage and rain penetration. Ms. Ward states there will be gaps in the deck planks. Mr. Lussier recommends that the bridge spans high enough for any and all water passage. Ms. Ward states that the bridge will be a few feet above the highest water she has observed pass the stream during prior drainage events.

Mr. Roy makes a motion, Mr. Ryan seconds, to support the special exception: 5-in favor; 1- Abstention, 0-opposed. Ms. Young abstained.

Mr. Roy makes a motion for the NCC to allow the chair of the NCC to visit the town house at a later date, but before Ms. Ward’s ZBA meeting, to fill out the referral form for the special exception with town staff, recommending granting of the special exception.

5-in favor; 1- Abstention, 0-opposed. Ms. Young abstained.

ITEM #3 – Crankpullers

Mr. Roy makes a motion to allow himself to attend Crankpuller field meetings, weigh in on conservation related and wetland related matters associated with upcoming wetland impact permitting application submittals for work along Old Mountain Road, and provide support to Crankpullers in compiling maps and other materials for submittal of those applications. Mr. Ryan seconded.

All in Favor.

ITEM #4 – NALMC invasive species day

Mr. Roy conveys a request by NALMC that the NCC co-sponsor a day to heighten awareness of invasive species in the town and region to include a small scale removal event at town hall and Northwood Meadows State Park.

All in Favor

ITEM #5 – Letters of Interest

Mr. Roy makes a motion to allow himself to draft letters to property owners in the Acorn Pond area and to the Anthony's pertaining to their lot off Blakes Hill Road regarding the NCC interest in conservation efforts on these properties; then to get the letters in the mail by coordinating directly with town staff without need to have the NCC review every letter. Mr. Roy states that the letter will be fashioned after the initial letter to the Richards about the Guptill property.

All in Favor.

ITEM #6 – Tom Demerit property

Mr. Roy reminds the NCC that Mr. Demeritt has contacted the town and wants to discuss the project further; specifically he wishes to discuss the CLF supporting some of the cost of the land survey. Ms. O'Neil asks what a typical cost for a survey may be. Mr. Roy states he doesn't know, but that maybe the approach would be to offer an 'up to' cost in the discussion with Mr. Demerit. A discussion follows as the exact amount that the NCC would be willing to support at this point for a survey on the project and other necessary items that would be need to substantiate the expenditure.

Mr. Roy makes a motion to allow himself to follow-up contact Tom Demerit about his project off Upper Deerfield road and convey that the NCC would support up to \$5,000 towards a survey for the project from the CLF, provided Mr. Demerit provides the following:

- A quote and work statement from the surveyor about the scope of services and deliverable that is to be provided.
- A letter from Mr. Demerit stating that he will move forward on the project given the fact that the town is providing some financial support for the survey.

Mr. Ryan seconds the motion.

All in Favor.

Motion to adjourn was unanimously accepted at 2045.

Respectfully submitted
Stephen Roy
Chair