



Minutes

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Mr. Weiss, Chair, called the Tuesday, December 9, 2014, meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:30 PM in Room 14 of the North Reading Town Hall, 235 North Street, North Reading, MA.

Members Present: Marty Weiss, Chairman
Tom Romeo, Member
Tim Allen, Member

Absent: Lori Mitchener, Vice Chair
Jonathan Cody, Member

Staff Present: Kathy Morgan, Admin. Asst.
Leah Basbanes, Conservation Agent

Discussion/ Correspondence File/Minutes

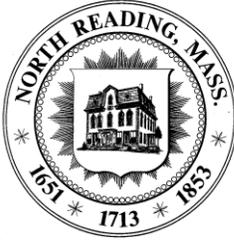
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Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mr. Cody, and voted 3-0;

that the Conservation Commission approve the minutes of November 18, 2014, with two modifications as noted within the verbiage for 318 Haverhill St., & 20 Main St.

148 Park Street

Ms. Basbanes received a call from a neighbor that a large amount of fill was being brought on the site and work near the wetlands to the back of the property. Ms. Basbanes went out to the site and observed recent work where fill was being moved around and evidence that equipment had been working in the area. A letter was sent to the owner advising him to attend tonight's meeting. Ms. Basbanes spoke to the owner and



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the tenant and neither were able to attend tonight's meeting. Mr. Weiss said he would like it confirmed that the owner will be at the next meeting.

Certificate of Compliance

327 Main Street (245-1325)

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mr. Romeo, and voted 3-0;

that the Conservation Commission sign a new Certificate of Compliance with the correct book and page.

34 Haverhill Street (245-1462)

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mr. Romeo, and voted 3-0;

that the Conservation Commission issue a Certificate of Compliance as work satisfactorily done.

Mentus Farm (245-888)

The Mentus Farm subdivision roadway has been approved by the town, but there was never a Certificate of Compliance issued. The new house at 34 Haverhill St. is attached to this Order of Conditions because the stormwater management devises are located on this site for the subdivision. Mr. Sparages explained that he has gone out and reviewed the stormwater management devises. He said everything looks well maintained, pipes are clear and visible and everything seems to be working well including the treatment swale. Mr. Sparages submitted a letter with the request stating that all seems to be working the way it should be. Mr. Weiss wanted him to say that everything was substantially done in compliance with the Order of Conditions. Mr. Sparages said that he wouldn't feel comfortable saying that unless he reviewed an As-built. Mr. Allen suggested that the Town Engineer submit a letter saying all is in compliance. Mr. Sparages will get in touch with the Town Engineer.

Mr. Allen moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance for the subdivision with the condition that the Town Engineer submits a letter that the subdivision was completed satisfactorily and is in substantial compliance with the Order of Conditions.



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Public Hearings

22 Erwin Road (245-xxxx) Septic system repair

Luke Roy, from LJR Engineering, was present. The existing house is a three bedroom, but septic system needs to be replaced. Mr. Roy explained to members that the wetlands run along the westerly boundary. There, a street drain and drain pipe empty into it. Mr. Roy explained that poor soils were found to the right of the house. The tank will stay at its current location and a new field will be located to the left with a slight elevation. The closest distance from the wetlands to the area of work is 50'. Erosion controls will be placed at the property line. Mr. Roy said he has a variance from the Board of Health for a distance of 5' instead of 4 to ground water. A Board of Health permit has been issued.

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mr. Romeo and voted 3-0;

that the Conservation Commission close the Public Hearing and issue an Order of Conditions with the standard 43 conditions, but hold for the DEP#.

3 Cheyenne Drive (245-xxxx)

Mike O'Neill was present along with Doug Carlson, the owner. Mr. Carlson would like to build a carriage house. The building would be two stories with a bathroom. There will be a pump system for the bathroom with a 500 gallon pump chamber. Norse Environmental flagged the wetlands 9/14. All the work is within the buffer. The existing shed will be relocated outside the buffer. The roof runoff drainage will go into catch basins. The buffer disturbance percentage is 55.9% and the impervious percentage is 9.4%. There is no DEP#.

Mr. Romeo moved, seconded by Mr. Allen, and voted 3-0;

that the Conservation Commission close the Public Hearing and issue an Order of Conditions with the standard 43 conditions but hold for a DEP#.

11 Fieldcrest Drive. (245-1300)

Mr. Romeo moved, seconded by Mr. Allen, and voted 3-0;



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that the Conservation Commission issue a Certificate of Compliance as satisfactorily completed.

Budget discussion: Members discussed the FY16 budget. The Professional Services budget has been running in a surplus. There has been a decrease in building and the Commission's monthly meetings have been reduced to once a month. Ms. Basbanes' contract hasn't been renewed in a while and Mr. Romeo mentioned that it should be reviewed. It was decided to reduce the Professional Services budget to \$16,000, but it should also be noted that should there be an increase in any of the above, this would need to be revisited.

Adjourn

Mr. Allen moved seconded by Mr. Romeo, and voted unanimously in favor;

that the Conservation Commission adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM

Approved _____

Dated _____