

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 21, 2024 MINUTES

~~BOARD~~

Present: Bill Llewelyn (phone), Mike Barry, Charlie Blanker, Robin Conley, Sarah Kerns, Tori Luksha
Guests: Michele Wood, Jinx & Howard Hastings, James Holloway, Ben Paly

Charlie opened the meeting at 7:10.

Residents voiced concerns about storm water runoff issues of the **proposed Pierson Road campground**. There has been an extension of the application, but ConsCom has not seen any plans. Mike asked if any other town boards had signed off on the plans. Board of Health (BoH) inquired if ConsCom is comfortable with the plans. Motion made (Sarah/Tori) and carried to request Clockwork, the company overseeing the proposed campground, submit a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for ConsCom's review. Tori will draft a letter and, once approved, will send it to BoH explaining ConsCom has not seen any plans; that an RDA needs to be submitted to ConsCom and DEP; that we are hearing the area needs to be reviewed; and residents are concerned about impact of the stream.

Ben Paly presented updated spring **agricultural plans** on the conservation restriction land he co-owns at **50 South Mountain Road**. A diversified orchard of fruit and nut trees and a hedge of various native plants will be planted in 2024. Ben provided maps.

Robin presented summaries of the minutes and emails regarding the **Santana property** at 414 4-Mile Brook Road and the Order of Conditions (OOC) attached to the Notice of Intent (NOI), DEP File #249-0124. Anna has sold the property, and the new owners, who requested a waiver, will be at the March ConsCom meeting. ConsCom discussed where we stand regarding the OOC. Charlie stated the new owners need to bring themselves into compliance with the original OOC. We discussed how an expiration date will affect this issue.

New owners of property at **851 Gulf Road** submitted an NOI for the construction of a bridge across Jack's Brook to access a home construction site. The septic system design is within 200' of the riverfront. Maps were provided. A hearing needs to be advertised, and owners need to present analysis of septic system with any possible sites not within the riverfront. Charlie will contact the owners and ask them how they want to proceed.

While reviewing the **gravel pit site** regarding the storm water runoff issues, Mark Stinson of DEP noticed a potential encroachment of the Bennett Brook riverfront. This is in violation of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) order of conditions. The building inspector will need to investigate. Bill will contact the gravel pit owners to apprise them of these recent developments. A site visit needs to be scheduled this spring.

The Northfield **Energy Committee** asked for ConsCom's input on **solar bylaws**. Tori attended a recent meeting and provided research done by Northfield Open Space Committee.

The renewal of Dave Cameron's contract will be discussed in the March meeting. We discussed compensation to Robin Conley for clerical work. Motion made (Charlie/Tori) to request Selectboard for compensation. The annual report needs to be approved before submission. Tori requested input on what we want on the ConsCom website update. Charlie suggested downloading links from the DEP website. December minutes were approved with one correction (no meeting in January). Meeting adjourned at 9:20.

*Approved as written 3.20.24
Submitted by Robin Conley*