

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REMOTE MEETING JAN. 19, 2022

fw MINUTES

Present: Charlie Blanker, vice-chair; Mike Barry, Robin Conley

Absent: Bill Llewelyn

Guests: Tony Wonseski, Theron Fisher, Jacqui Beaman, Kevin Parsons with Rob Mitchell, Laura, Jenny Tufts, Andrew Vernon, Joe Graveline, Dan Goodwin

Charlie opened the Zoom meeting at 7:09 pm.

Tony Wonseski and Theron Fisher of SVE Associates presented the proposed project of a **gravel pit expansion** owned by Rob Mitchell and Jacqui Beaman of Connecticut River Realty, LLC. The access is located at 122 Old Bernardston Road. The gravel pit helped supply sand and gravel for construction of Rte 10 in the late 60s, early 70s. Contoured maps showed the existing condition of this 16.77-acre land and the proposed 4-phase excavation plots. Bennett Brook, a perennial stream, and its bordering vegetated wetlands were flagged by Wendell Wetlands Services. Multiple borings were taken for soil samples; two borings (74' and 80' deep) did not hit ground water table or the aquifer. Grading will avoid water resource areas. Plans are to only use a mobile dry screen located out of the buffer zone for processing. Long-term goal is to create open meadow conducive to agricultural use. Mike and Charlie asked questions about the unpermitted paved access road and how this road may affect water resource area. During the special application process abutters will have an opportunity to address issues and concerns. Motion made (Mike/Robin) and carried to continue the hearing to Feb. 16.

Dan Goodwin, co-owner of residence at 18 Glen Road, requested permission to have a **private well drilled**. East Northfield Water Company has encouraged him to get off their services due to the fragility of water lines crossing Mill Brook to supply town water. Mr. Goodwin has Board of Health permission to drill a well. Because the site is within 200' of a perennial stream, Conservation Commission approval is required. Dan submitted WPA Form 1 – Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA). Charlie will contact DEP to inquire how to proceed with this request.

FRCOG sent a survey to western Mass conservation commissions inquiring about interest in sharing **wetland specialists**. We agreed to pursue this plan.

We discussed the **budget** and the increased dues to MACC. Motion made (Charlie/Mike) and carried to increase the budget by \$25. Total budget will be \$1,000.

Motion made (Robin/Mike) and carried to submit a **capital expense** of \$750 to purchase a laptop for the Conservation Commission to store filings, documents, WPA rules and regulations, and all related correspondence. A new email address of ConCom@Northfieldma.gov will be created.

Motion made (Charlie/Mike) and carried to appoint **Bill Wahlstrom to the Stewardship Committee**. Robin will send a memo to the Selectboard.

Minutes of December meeting were approved as presented. Next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 16 at 7 pm via Zoom. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Approved 2/16/22 as written. RLC