

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MAY 5, 2021

MINUTES

Present: Bill Llewelyn, Chair; Mike Barry, Charlie Blanker, Robin Conley

Guests: Juli Simons and Lindsey Draleau on behalf of Northeast Paving, Ted Boyer, Julia Blythe, Joanne McGee, Bee Jacques

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:05 PM.

Bill first announced that the Pine Meadow Road **solar project needs to be continued to May 19**. Motion made and 2nded (Mike/Charlie) to do so. Motion carried.

Hearing opened to **Northeast Paving RDA for extension of the wetlands permit**. All ConCom members received a packet of information. Charlie was unable to check on the flagging, but he said he read an email from Mark Stinson of DEP regarding our inability to extend the permit stating the filing date had been missed and that Northeast Paving needs to file a new permit. The original NOI was in 2008. Juli clarified that Northeast Paving owns two properties with permits. One is located at 504 Mt. Herman Station Road and it is not eligible for an extension. The second property is located at 216 Mt. Herman Station Road, formerly known as the Roberts property, that NE Paving acquired in 2016. She said a Form 1 was filed with ConCom followed by Form 2 to delineate a 100' buffer zone. There was much confusion over the addresses of the properties and Stinson's email may have also confused the properties. Regardless, Charlie stated we are not allowed to extend the permit since NE Paving missed the filing deadline. More information is needed. Motion made to continue hearing of NE Paving's RDA to May 19, 2021 (Mike/Robin). Motion carried.

Hearing was then opened to Ted Boyer's NOI to develop property at **459 Mt. Hermon Station Road**. All ConCom members received a packet of information. Ted explained that he requests drilling a well 175' from Mallory Brook, improving the driveway, and digging a trench along the driveway for an electrical conduit. One utility pole will be added. A file was issued from Stinson and use of property was questioned. Ted plans a wholesale tree nursery and no house. Abutters were notified. Mike recommended that the electrical conduit trench be in the center of the road, and Ted agreed. Motion made to close the hearing (Mike/Robin). Motion carried. Mike made a motion to amend the NOI with condition the trench be placed in driveway's center. Robin 2nded. Motion carried. Mike will follow up with required paperwork.

Hearing was next opened to the **NOI filed by Open Space Committee to restore and improve Mill Brook Trail**. A file number was issued. Julia shared the OSC is proposing several improvements in and around the wetlands of Mill Brook, including a few foot bridges, one of which is submerged much of the year. She explained the proposed foot bridge construction. The smaller area crossings were discussed. Stinson emailed various bog crossings. Joanne shared that town trucks will need to access this area for the sewer lines, and Mike commented the town needs to maintain their access roads. Julia will confer with Tom Walker prior to any construction. Motion made and 2nded (Charlie/Mike) to close the hearing. Motion carried. Charlie made a motion that there be an order of conditions. Mike 2nded. Motion carried. Charlie will follow up with required paperwork.

Mike discussed the **enforcement order on a Lyman Road** property following a complaint made regarding wood chips and debris pushed into a wetlands area. He said it was a substantial wood processing site with a lot of material. The property owner received an enforcement order. Charlie stated regulations require a written plan for the site cleanup and restoration that needs approval by ConCom. Motion made and 2nded (Charlie/Robin) that we approve the enforcement order with conditions. Motion carried.

The **enforcement order on the 4-Mile Brook Road** property is contingent upon a site visit with property owner, contractors, and ConCom members. Motion made and 2nded (Mike/Robin) that the enforcement order be postponed to May 19, 2021. Motion carried.

Bee Jacques discussed the state's new **spraying program for mosquito control** which needs to be opted out by towns. Motion made and 2nded (Mike/Robin) that more information is needed and we do not approve of the spraying program this year. Motion carried.

Minutes of March 17, 2021 meeting unanimously accepted as written.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wed., May 19, 7:00 PM via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Minutes accepted with one minor change on May 19, 2021 meeting.

Electronically submitted to Town Clerk 6/01/21. RC