

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MAY 18, 2022 MINUTES

Present: Bill Llewelyn, Charlie Blanker, Robin Conley

Absent: Mike Barry

Guests: Tori Luksha, Bob Mizula, Samantha Harding, Sheila Martin

Bill opened the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Samantha Harding is a property owner's representative regarding a parcel of land on Mt. Hermon Station Road, no address but adjacent to #644. She was inquiring about the **process for filing a NOI**. The property is wedge shaped with minimal frontage and needs a driveway that will cross a stream. Charlie recommended that Samantha speak with Jim Hawkins, Building Inspector, about a required width for the driveway, and field engineers will draw up plans for a culvert that needs to meet DEP guidelines. Samantha will get all abutters' addresses from Assessor's Office and, when the NOI is filed with DEP, a hearing will be held. Registered letters are to be sent (or hand delivered) to all abutters prior to a hearing, and ConCom members will do a site visit prior to hearing.

Bob Mizula shared that the **emergency repair work at Nourse Farms** has been completed. Bill agreed to file all paperwork with DEP. Bob is concerned about a second weakened site along the embankment.

Robin, on behalf of Northfield ConCom, drafted a letter to Carter Wall, FirstLight Gov't Affairs & Community Relations Mgr, requesting that **FirstLight rectify the out-of-control bittersweet** on their wetlands property between Rte 10 and Old Bernardston Road. Motion made (Charlie/Robin) and carried to approve letter as written, to sign by quorum of members, and then mailed.

Charlie reported that he has stopped by Andrew Vernon's home 4 times and has yet to speak with him regarding Andrew's **letter of complaint**.

Tori is interested in becoming a ConCom member. Bill explained the process for doing so. Another Forest Cutting Plan was in the mail.

April 21 minutes were approved as written. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes approved 7/20/22 as written. Electronically submitted 8/16/22 to Town Clerk. RC