

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REMOTE MEETING FEB. 16, 2022 MINUTES

Present: Bill Llewelyn, Charlie Blanker, Robin Conley

Absent: Mike Barry

Guests: Tony Wonseski, Jacqui Beaman, Kevin Parsons, Dan Goodwin

Bill opened the Zoom meeting at 7:06 pm.

The Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) of the **gravel pit expansion** was continued. Robin reported that she and Charlie did a site visit on Feb. 8 with co-owner Rob Mitchell and project engineer Tony Wonseski. The 200' delineation from Bennett Brook is well flagged and the woodland along the brook is pristine and well managed. Mike Barry has stated that the gravel pit expansion is not within our jurisdiction. Rob and Robin discussed invasive plants and Rob indicated he has intentions of getting the roadside out-of-control bittersweet manageable. Tony shared intentions of submitting a NOI to remove the bittersweet. Motion made (Charlie/Robin) and carried to sign the RDA form #2 with a negative determination, meaning there is no impact on water resources. Robin will mail the signed form to Tony.

Charlie did a site visit on Glen Road regarding the need for a **private well**. Charlie filed an emergency order with DEP because, if the pipes that cross the brook fail, the home will not have any water. Mr. Goodwin has 30 days from 02/16/22 to have the work begin. Motion made (Robin/Charlie) and passed that we accept the emergency order. Charlie will handle the paperwork.

No one has heard any information regarding a regional conservation commission agent. We will continue to pursue this potential **wetlands agent**.

We discussed the **Forest Cutting Plan** we received in the mail. The Conservation Commission does not need to take any action unless Mike Barry sees something untoward. Robin did a site visit out of curiosity because the plan stated use of herbicides to control invasives, but the invasives were minimal.

The **annual report** is in process.

We received a **letter of complaint** from Andrew Vernon regarding prior history with the gravel pit. Charlie will follow up with Andrew.

Minutes of January meeting were approved as presented. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Minutes approved 4/21/22 as written. Electronically submitted 5/02/22 to Town Clerk. RC