

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING APRIL 12, 2023 MINUTES

Present: Bill Llewelyn (phone), Mike Barry, Charlie Blanker, Robin Conley, Tori Luksha, Sarah Kerns
Guests: Wm Murray, Matthew Sturz, Tessa Powers, Emilee Klein, Michele Wood

Charlie opened the meeting at 7:13 pm.

The focus of the meeting was to address the **Notice of Intent (NOI) of the public safety complex**. Wm Murray, Civil Engineer with Places Associates, Inc provided the abutters' notices list, certified mail receipts of required documents, and receipt of WPA Form 3 for the NOI. Western Mass DEP notified Mr. Murray that they had not received the ANRAD approved at the March 15, 2023 ConsCom meeting, and a copy was immediately resent. He stated the NOI was based on findings of David Cameron and SWCA. Electronic files needed to be coordinated. Town of Northfield determined the address for the proposed public safety complex as 121 Main Street. Mr. Murray presented detailed plans for an 18000 sq ft, single story building to accommodate police department, fire department, and EMS. Many questions were asked, and much discussion ensued. The Director of Waste Water Treatment Plant met Mr. Murray and inspected the existing sewer lines that would serve the complex. Of particular concern for many ConsCom members was the proposed diesel generator and its location. Poisonous hogweed that is adjacent to the wetlands is to be removed by a licensed professional. We discussed the riverfront area in depth. 9.9% of the riverfront area will be disturbed on the complex's side of the river. Also heavily discussed was the management of drain water. Charlie opened the meeting to audience questions and comments. Barriers to the wetlands will be erected when construction begins. Motion made (Tori/Robin) and carried to continue the NOI hearing to a special meeting May 3, 2023.

ConsCom needs to have a request submitted from the Board of Health in order to discuss and act on the proposed **Pierson Road campground project**. The request should be an NOI or Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA). There seems to be new concerns of storm water runoff from proposed parking areas.

We have been unable to follow up on an anonymous **complaint** about a stream being dammed along Old Wendell Road due to lack of clarity of the location. Mike followed up on **a complaint of dumping** near some possible wetlands. Mike found carpeting and other construction debris, but the location is not a wetlands. Bill spoke with Steve Wiggin who agreed to remove the debris and replace it with clean fill. Bill will follow up with Steve to obtain a written statement of plans.

Minutes of the March 15 and March 29 minutes were approved as written.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.