



Norton Conservation Commission

70 East Main Street
Norton, MA 02766

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Monday, September 8, 2008
7:00 pm

Attendance

Earl Willcott (Chairman), Julian Kadish (Vice-Chairman), Kathleen Giblin, Lisa Carrozza, Ron O'Reilly, David Henry, Jennifer Carlino, Conservation Agent.

Minutes

The meeting started at 7:00 pm.

The members reviewed the draft minutes of **June 23, 2008**. Kathleen Giblin made a motion, seconded by Ron O'Reilly, to accept the minutes as written. Approved.

The members reviewed the draft minutes of **July 14, 2008**. Lisa Carrozza made a motion, seconded by Kathleen Giblin, to accept the minutes as written. Approved. David Henry and Ron O'Reilly abstained from voting.

The members reviewed the draft minutes of **July 28, 2008**. Kathleen Giblin made a motion, seconded by Lisa Carrozza, to accept the minutes as written. Approved. David Henry and Ron O'Reilly abstained from voting.

The members reviewed the Bills Payable Sheet (Nextel/July). Julian Kadish made a motion, seconded by David Henry, to pay the bill. Approved.

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The members reviewed a Notice of Intent – (#250-819) – **Andrew Davison - Parcel 6 (assessors map 32) 38 John Scott Boulevard – (cont. from the August 25, 2008 mtg.)** - for proposed plans to construct a driveway and house with associated utilities and grading within 100 feet of wetlands. Jennifer Carlino stated Mr. Davison submitted 2 copies of the detail of the block retaining walls today and a DEP File number has been received. She said the legal notice bill was paid and the public hearing could be closed. Lisa Carrozza made a motion, seconded by Julian Kadish, to close the public hearing. Approved. Ron O'Reilly abstained from voting.

Discussion ensued regarding the use of Rose Farm for Norton Community Gardens. J. Corneila DeVeau addressed the Commission. She stated the first field would be a good place to start the gardens. Ms. DeVeau stated there are no funds at the moment and this is the first step in the project.

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She stated fencing will have to be installed to keep people and animals out and a well would have to be installed for watering. She suggested that she could contact construction companies or fence companies and ask that she take any left over fencing that might be thrown out. Lisa Carrozza offered to inquire with a few construction companies that she knows of that at the moment are working with fencing. Earl Willcott asked how the well would be run and Ms. DeVeau stated that there is electricity on the street and eventually they could tie into it. Earl Willcott stated that it could be very expensive for a pole. Julian Kadish stated that one alternative would be a windmill. Ms. DeVeau stated there is a pond and river on the property and maybe water could be pumped out for irrigation. She suggested that fenced-in 12' x 4' raised beds could be gardened by people, in groups, who live in apartments and condos and do not have anywhere to grow their own food. Jennifer Carlino stated that Ms. DeVeau is here this evening basically to get permission to use the property and will submit a plan as the project progresses to include a signed lease of the property. She stated that some areas may require a wetland permit. Earl Willcott offered to donate compost and his knowledge of gardening to begin the project. Kathleen Giblin asked about parking. Ms. DeVeau stated that people could park in the school parking lot. The members strongly suggested she get approval from the School Department for that. Jennifer Carlino suggested to Ms. DeVeau to bring in a plan of what she proposes to do with this project as soon as possible to be reviewed by the commission. The idea is conceptually approved but work cannot start until the Conservation Commission gives final approval. David Henry asked her to write a business plan for the project.

The members reviewed a request for a Certificate of Compliance filed for File **#250-471 – L & M Custom Builders – Parcel 5 (assessors map 1) Newland Street/Westaway Estates (now Gardner Road)**. Jennifer Carlino stated this permit had expired and the applicant re-applied and has a Certificate of Compliance for the new project (#250-637). Julian Kadish made a motion, seconded by Kathleen Giblin, to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

The members reviewed a request for a Certificate of Compliance for File **#250-552 – Champion Builders – Parcels 507 & 510 (assessors map 10) North Washington Street (Arrowhead Village)**. Jennifer Carlino stated that the As-Built plan provided has to be revised and no information has been received regarding the restoration work. She said a letter was provided with an estimation to complete the remainder of the work. Mr. Dacey asked the Conservation Commission to approve the partial Certificate of Compliance with a \$1,600 bond so the new owner could move in. The Conservation Agent stated the As-Built plans, replication information and other compliance issues would exceed that amount if the Conservation Commission had to do it themselves. Residents are requesting that Town Meeting accept the road so the board should move. Julian Kadish made a motion, seconded by Ron O'Reilly, to issue a partial Certificate of Compliance as long as a \$5,000 bond is posted with the Town Treasurer to ensure final vegetated stabilization of exposed soils, submittal of a revised As-Built plan and a restoration plan. Approved. Lisa Carrozza and Kathleen Giblin voted not to issue the partial Certificate of Compliance.

The members reviewed the draft Order of Resource Area Delineation for File **#250-817 – James Quattrocci/Court Company, Inc. – Parcel 2 (assessors map 36) East Hodges Street** – for verification of the wetland resource areas, which were included with the agenda for review. Kathleen Giblin made a motion, seconded by Julian Kadish, to sign and issue the Order of Resource Area Delineation. Approved. Ron O'Reilly abstained from voting.

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The members reviewed the lease agreement for Norton Kayak Company. Kathleen Giblin asked if the Company was going to pay any fees for the lease of the property and the Reservoir. Jennifer Carlino stated that there is no fee due Conservation Commission but the company will be paying a fee to be divided between the Recreation Commission and the Selectmen. Discussion ensued whether or not a fee should be paid to the Conservation Commission for the use of the Reservoir. Jennifer Carlino stated the lease expires in December, and at that time, the members could discuss the possibility of making an amendment to the lease requiring the company to pay a fee. Lisa Carrozza asked if dogs were allowed on the Reservoir as stated in the lease. Jennifer Carlino stated a standard lease was used and this condition was included but could be removed after the lease expires. Julian Kadish made a motion, seconded by Ron O'Reilly, to sign the lease. Approved.

Jennifer Carlino noted that the Three-Mile River ACEC has been designated.

Jennifer Carlino noted that she was conducting a presentation of the Canoe River Wildlife Habitat Evaluation on three evenings at 6:30 pm in the lunch room of the Town Hall as follows: Thursdays, September 4th, 11th and 18th. She stated that if anyone were interested in attending to call and reserve a space as the seats are limited.

Jennifer Carlino stated she has to appear before the Finance Committee to suggest that they recommend the transfer of \$2,500 to pay for the two yearly inspections of the Norton Reservoir dam. She stated the money was put into the Capital Improvements budget already, but it was not recommended at the last Town Meeting.

Jennifer Carlino noted that Anthony Virga of 60 Plain Street had called to say the final restoration work was completed for his violation. She asked if someone would accompany her on her inspection of the work. Lisa Carrozza suggested having Mr. Virga send a picture of the work before anyone goes out to inspect it.

Jennifer Carlino asked the members if they would fill out a survey of her performance for the past year to be reviewed by the Town Manager. The members agreed this would be ok.

Jennifer Carlino noted she received a letter from Chris Baker requesting to be a member of the Conservation Commission. She stated the Selectmen have requested a comment letter from the board regarding his joining the Commission. Discussion ensued and the Board agreed they did not have any comments.

Lisa Carrozza made a motion, seconded by Kathleen Giblin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Carlino
Conservation Director
JC/pmb