



Norton Conservation Commission
70 East Main Street
Norton MA 02766

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Monday, March 23, 2009

7:00 pm

Attendance

Earl Willcott (Chairman), Julian Kadish (Vice-Chairman), Kathleen Giblin, David Henry, Chris Baker, and Jennifer Carlino, Conservation Agent.

Lisa Carrozza and Ron O'Reilly were absent.

Minutes

The meeting started at 7:00 pm.

The members reviewed the minutes of **March 9, 2009**. David Henry made a motion, seconded by Kathleen Giblin, to accept the minutes as written. Approved.

The members reviewed the Executive Session minutes of **March 9, 2009**. David Henry suggested an amendment to the minutes omitting the sentence stating that he could not vote during the Executive Session. Kathleen Giblin made a motion, seconded by Julian Kadish to accept the minutes as amended. Approved.

The members reviewed the Bills Payable Sheet (Misc.). David Henry made a motion, seconded by Kathleen Giblin, to pay the bills. Approved.

The members reviewed the Bills Payable Sheet (Nextel). Julian Kadish made a motion, seconded by Kathleen Giblin, to pay the bill. Approved.

The members reviewed a Request for a Determination of **Applicability – (DET. #939) – James L. Rathbun – Parcel 97 (assessors map 31) 9 Charles Lane** – for proposed plans to repair/replace septic system within 100 feet of wetlands. James Rathbun described the project to the members. He stated he proposed to replace the leaching field to an existing septic system. He said the existing tank would remain in place but the system would be larger and service 4 bedrooms. He submitted revised plans for the members to review. Jennifer Carlino stated the wetlands were shown incorrectly on the plans.

Julian Kadish asked if the material from the old leaching field would be removed and Mr. Rathbun stated the soils would remain and the old pipes would be moved or sealed. Julian Kadish made a motion, seconded by Kathleen Giblin, to close the public hearing. Approved. Julian Kadish made a motion, seconded by Kathleen Giblin to issue a negative (#3) Determination of Applicability as long as the work is done according to the approved plans. Approved.

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The members reviewed a Notice of Intent – **(#250-838) – Scott Pietruszewicz – Lot 16, Parcel 270 (assessors map 21) 12 Ellis Road – (cont. from the February 23, 2009 & March 9, 2009 mtgs.)** - for proposed plans to clear and grade additional lawn within 100 feet of wetlands. Jennifer Carlino stated that a file number had been received from DEP for this project. Julian Kadish made a motion, seconded by Christopher Baker, to close the public hearing. Approved.

The members reviewed the draft Order of Conditions for a Notice of Intent – **(#250-837) – Jim Hendrickson, Chairman/Norton Open Space Committee – Parcel 118 (assessors map 27) Barrowsville Pond** – for proposed plans to manually remove Water Chestnut from Barrowsville Pond which were included with the agenda for tonight's meeting. Julian Kadish made a motion, seconded by Kathleen Giblin, to issue and sign the Order of Conditions as written. Approved.

The members reviewed an application to lease the Norton Reservoir for a one-day fishing tournament on Sunday, May 17th filed by the Hoists-n-Hawks Club. Kathleen Giblin made a motion, seconded by Julian Kadish, to sign the lease. Approved.

Jennifer Carlino stated that one possible site for the "Sustainable Farming Project" introduced by a group from Lowell would be Rose Farm. She stated there were four fields on the property and two of the fields were already being hayed by Mr. Haskell and Mr. Galloway. She said a third field could be used for cow grazing and pasture land. She said contact information would be needed for the two people haying the property and they should sign a lease with the Town.

Discussion ensued on the idea of someone letting cows graze on one of the fields. Julian Kadish didn't think it would be wise to drop off a bunch of cows without a barn for shelter to leave them alone for long periods of time. He stated the field would soon look like a deserted barnyard. Kathleen Giblin suggested that there would be the possibility of someone that lives in Norton that would be grazing the cows and checking on them daily.

Jennifer Carlino noted that DEP is proposing a program called "WIRE" which is an online program which will enable applicants to file applications on line to DEP. She stated the applicants would still be required to file paper work with the Conservation office as usual. She said each town would have to sign up for this program in order to be able to access it. She stated two people would have a password to access the applications and make changes. David Henry suggested waiting a few months to learn more about the program, but Jennifer Carlino stated she didn't think DEP would have any more information in a few months. Julian Kadish suggested signing up as soon as possible. The members were in agreement.

Jennifer Carlino noted that Jim Hendrickson of the Open Space Committee was meeting with the Finance Committee this evening to discuss the proposed forestry plan revolving fund.

Jennifer Carlino noted that the Board of Selectmen have asked the Commission to support a floodplain article for town meeting which would take the old floodplain district bylaw and update it to list all the new maps that are on the FEMA floodplain survey maps. She stated that it is now a county-wide survey and will have 17 maps instead of 6. Kathleen Giblin made a motion, seconded by Julian Kadish, to sign a support letter to the Board of Selectmen.

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Jennifer Carlino stated that a Cease & Desist letter had been sent to the resident at 91 Taunton Avenue for clear cutting trees next to a certified vernal pool.

Jennifer Carlino stated that a Cease & Desist letter had been sent to the owner of the Sportsman Club on South Worcester street for cutting trees within 100 feet of wetlands.

Jennifer Carlino noted that the violation at the St. Mary' Church site had been corrected, but she has not received any monthly reports from the applicant yet. She stated that Bob Salvo hadn't called Walter Amory for an inspection yet either.

Jennifer Carlino stated that she had a meeting with a representative for Judge Rotenberg who had stated that a Notice of Intent filing was in progress to restore the disturbed 25-foot limit of work area and to enlarge the parking lot.

Jennifer Carlino noted that the Water Department had filled in two streams right up to the edge of the ponds on Harvey Street. She stated she contacted the Town Manager who recommended a meeting between the Conservation Chairman, Earl Willcott and the new person on the Water/Sewer Commission to be held in his office to discuss the violations and the steps to correct the violations. Earl Willcott agreed to attend the meeting.

The meeting went into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Carlino
Conservation Director
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