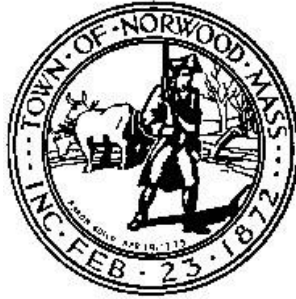


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**Conservation Commission Meeting
June 15, 2022
7:30 P.M.**

Present:

Stephen Washburn, Carly Rocklen, John Gear, Kelsey Quinlan

Also Present: Holly Jones, Environmental Planner/Conservation Agent.

The June 15, 2022 meeting was held remotely using GoToMeeting software.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Stephen Washburn, at 7:30 p.m. who read meeting guidelines into the record followed by a roll call.

Public Hearings:

1. Off of Neponset St. and behind 290 Vanderbilt Street. DEP No. 251-0535 N2022-03

Applicant: Massachusetts Water Resource Authority Representative: Christine Walsh of CDW Consultants
Project Description: Repair and Maintenance of siphon structures and construction of an access road from the shoulder of Neponset St, and improvement of access road behind 290 Vanderbilt Ave. The project is in bordering vegetated wetland, riverfront area, and bordering land subject to flooding.

Ms. Jones said the applicant requested a continuation of the public hearing to July 6th.

Motion: Mr. Gear made a motion to continue to July 6th meeting.

Ms. Rocklen seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously, 4-0 by roll call vote.

2. 505-537 University Ave, Request for Determination of Applicability N2022-08

Applicant: Metropolitan Cabinets and Countertop

Representative: Theo Kindermans of Stantec

Project Description: Building expansion in existing parking lot in the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland.

This was a continued public hearing. The Planning Board approved the plan noting that any changes made by the Conservation Commission to the final plan, will need to come back before the Planning Board.

Ms. Jones disagreed with the wetland delineation. After a site visit, she noted that the smaller addition on the east side that is shown outside of the buffer is actually much closer to a wetland than the applicant showed on the plan. She displayed photos for the Commission to view. She stated that this area is jurisdictional and that the proposed addition is actually within the 25' buffer zone.

Representing the applicant, Mr. Theo Kindermans of Stantec addressed the Commissioners. He stated that the plan was based on an older delineation and was a previously disturbed area. He said an NOI would not have any material impact.

Ms. Jones said she noted cattails and willows. She said there are strict regulations in the bylaw. Discussion was had regarding an alternative plan and a phased modification.

Motion: Mr. Gear made a motion to close the public hearing and issue a Positive Determination of Applicability.

Ms. Quinlan seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously, 4-0 by roll call vote.

3. 575 University Ave, Request for Determination of Applicability N2022-09

Applicant: 575 University King, LLC Representative: David Mackwell of Kelly Engineering
Project Description: Dredging maintenance of a drainage easement which is classified as an intermittent stream.

Mr. David Mackwell, of Kelly Engineering, gave a brief history and description of the property while displaying a site plan and photos. He said they were contacted due to some reoccurring flooding that the property owners were experiencing especially during the summer months. The property owner would like to dredge and cleanup the drainage areas/catch basins/channel. He said the owner is willing to hire a wetland scientist to supervise the proposed work and wanted to ask the Commission if they feel this is an appropriate course of action.

Ms. Jones explained this drainage ditch is an intermittent stream which is upstream from bordering vegetated wetlands and doesn't have its own associated bordering vegetated wetlands: this means that it is not jurisdictional under the state Wetlands Protection Act but is jurisdiction under the local bylaw. Ms. Jones stated that she would be comfortable with the Commission permitting the work and issuing a negative determination with conditions;

- Work is overseen by a qualified wetland professional or stormwater professional (submit qualifications to agent for approval prior to start of work)
- Implement temporary check dam in-stream prior to start of work
- Observe and record color and turbidity or clarity within 30 feet downstream of work before, during, and after work and submit observations and corrective action to the conservation office
- Notify the office prior to the start of work
- If dredged sediments are retained onsite they shall be placed outside of the 100 ft buffer zone

Mr. Mackwell gave some details and a brief description of the proposed work. Discussion was had regarding an Operation & Maintenance Plan. Mr. Gear asked if the scope of the project was open enough that if there is further degradation to the system that it can be addressed. Mr. Mackwell replied yes and detailed their approach stating that if they see anything else that needs to be addressed then he will write a recommendation and notify Ms. Jones.

Motion: Mr. Gear made a motion to close the public hearing and issue a negative determination of applicability with conditions as stated by Ms. Jones.

Ms. Rocklen seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously, 4-0 by roll call vote.

Wetland Issues, Updates, and complaints:

1. Update on wetland violation behind University Avenue

Ms. Jones updated the Commission. She said she does not have an NOI at this time.

Mr. Shawn Callahan said they were before the Commission in May. He said they are expecting the survey to be completed this week and then they will be able to advance this further and faster once they have it. Current wetland delineation will also be included with the survey. He said that he submitted an interim package for the Commissioners. He gave a brief background of the property and shared a concept design with a hand-drawn markup/2004 ANRAD; historically used as a gravel pit and rock quarry and for decades has been used/alterd by human activity. Mr. Callahan stated clearing occurred in the upland areas and the area being utilized by the application were historically comprised of cart paths and roadways. He

told the Commissioners that there was some vegetation cleared around the edges of the existing entrance driveway but that the footprint was not increased, however, there was a gravel surface added to it. He said there was an existing culvert that carries a perennial watercourse which had not been altered as part of the driveway work.

He stated that they performed a site investigation of the property and confirmed with the new delineation that none, of the historical clearing or current property uses, was within delineated wetlands or watercourses. Mr. Callahan commented that the 2004 ANRAD identified two isolated wetlands, ISO A and ISO B. He stated that he did not observe wetland conditions in those areas and speculated that perhaps the areas were not accurately delineated in 2004.

Mr. Callahan gave a description of the proposed restoration to enhance the wetlands on site and to reinstate buffer zones; install a 50' or larger no-disturb buffer zone around wetlands and watercourse, demarcating those areas with large boulders/concrete barriers/concrete blocks to prevent intrusion into those areas. He said the buffer zone area would receive top soil and be seeded and planted with native vegetation, grasses, sedges, shrubs, herbaceous materials and trees. He said the existing driveway would be excluded from this.

Ms. Jones said looking at aerial photography Wetland B seems that it has been filled. Mr. Callahan said it has not been filled. Ms. Jones showed aerial photos from 2017-2020 that clearly showed that clearing had been done. Discussion was had where work occurred and where work is being proposed. The Chair requested Mr. Callahan add wetland flags on the concept plan to give a clearer picture. Ms. Jones recommended replication in the same area that had been previously identified as an isolated wetland.

The Chair asked to have the survey completed and a site visit by Ms. Jones and any Commissions that are available to go, before the August 3rd meeting with a filing deadline of July 20th.

Conservation Commission Business:

1. Correspondence regarding Alevizos Park

Ms. Jones stated that they received two letters from Toni Eosco, who lives across from Alevizos. In her letters she said that kids were observed climbing on the pavilion. One request was a sign indicating "no climbing on structure". The second request was to consider putting a climbing structure on the property. She suggested waiting until Ms. Eosco could attend the meeting to discuss it.

Mr. Gear suggested talking to the community in that area and getting them involved.

Mr. Washburn discussed passive recreation and Conservation property.

Ms. Rocklen talked about possibly adding a naturalistic meeting area as opposed to a climbing structure.

Ms. Quinlan said she has not visited the park yet. She asked about trash cans and attracting larger attendance at the park if structures were added as opposed to passive recreations.

Mr. Gear talked about adding gravel for the parking area.; 6 parallel parking spots.

Ms. Jones said there is an agreement with the condo developer who is going to contribute to the parking area but he has been waiting on a Mass DOT permit. DPW said they will check with him more often/more strongly. Ms. Jones said there is approximately \$8000 remaining allocated from CPC funding for the pavilion project that could be used to put down millings for the marking.

2. Endean Orchard Subcommittee update:

Mark Negron has been working with volunteers for a weekly watering schedule for the orchard.

Ms. Jones said she is following up with nursery for companion plantings.

In the Comm. Dev. & Planning Dept there are unused FY21 funds in the budget she asked the Commissioners to think about needs for the orchard or other projects.

Eagle Scout project: Ms. Jones will be signing his form. Project will start when school ends. Selectman Donnelly offered to make electricity available for recharging power tools.

The Chair thanked Selectmen Donnelly.

3. CPC report: No update.

4. Agent update:

There was an outreach event on June 14th related to wrapping up the Pezwick Park Dam Removal. She said there were about 25 people that stayed for the tour of the site following by an hour of talking about the project and breaking up into smaller groups to discuss potential for future climate change and mitigation related projects that could potentially be funded by MVP grants. Also discussed was what

people may want to see at Pezwick Park in the future.; trail improvements interpretive signage, etc. Ms. Jones noted that they did not have to export as much soil as anticipated and said the money saved could be used for procuring larger trees to be planted in the Fall, up to 5 gallon bucket size trees and larger plantings. She said 3 picnic tables have been ordered that the Trails Committee wants to install at Pezwick park in the Fall.

Ms. Jones said there was a CPC allocation in 2021 for a trail design for University Ave and that she put together a draft RFP.

She announced to the Commissioners that they were about to start tabling at the Norwood farmers market for the Conservation Commission every first Tuesday with the Trails Committee and NepRWA.

July 9th, invasive species removal at the Bernie Cooper Park.

Intern for the summer; Putting together work for Conservation and Planning.

Mr. Washburn suggested a mobile survey/digital recording of trees at Orchard to monitor.

5. Minutes: No Minutes.

Adjournment:

Motion: Mr. Rocklen made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Gear seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously, 4-0 by roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:06 p.m.

Next virtual meeting: July 6, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Lynn Marchand