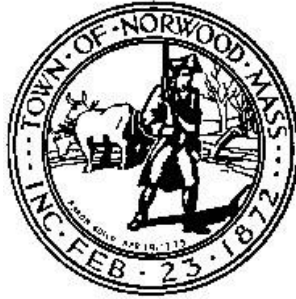


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**Conservation Commission Meeting
July 6, 2022
7:30 P.M.**

Present:

Stephen Washburn, Catherine Walsh, Carly Rocklen, John Gear, Kelsey Quinlan

Also Present: Holly Jones, Environmental Planner/Conservation Agent, Jeff Sullivan, Norwood Record

The July 6, 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.

Moved further into the Agenda per request of the applicant.

Ms. Rebecca Weidman is present at the end of meeting to answer questions from the Commission. Ms. Jones gives a summary of the peer review and revisions to the plan. There are specific proposals to reduce footprint of road to reduce impact to wetlands and removal of metal sheets to be replaced with rip rap but those will now be staying in place. Project seems to be eligible for filling under Limited Projects- Ms. Jones recommends waiting for responses from LEC before moving forward. Ms. Jones also states that the state fee that was paid is not correct and also needs to be resolved. Ms. Jones will reach out to project applicant in regards to additional fee.

Motion: Ms. Walsh makes a motion for continuation at next Committee meeting August 3rd.

Ms. Rocklen seconds the motion.

Motion passes unanimously 5-0.

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 N2022-010

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.

Mr. Kindermans shares screen of his RDA plan. States his project is 57 feet away from wetlands line and his specific plans to add trees and vegetation across the area.

Ms. Jones references the last meeting where Mr. Kindermans filed a similar plan to the Committee, the major difference being that the current plan has now removed a small addition and stormceptor that was originally proposed. Ms. Jones states that the removal of the small addition is an improvement, yet the removal of the stormceptor is not ideal. Ms. Jones states there is most likely not too much disturbance to the wetlands throughout construction and the addition of trees on the site also improves storm water disturbance.

Mr. Washburn suggests that new/improved storm water basins will also be a positive addition to the site, and Mr. Kindermans discusses their plans for the new/improved catch basins.

Mr. Gear asks if the two catch basins will be remaining where they are or if they will be regraded. Mr. Kindermans confirms that the two catch basins will remain where they are.

Ms. Jones recommends the Committee issue a Negative Determination of Applicability with the following conditions:

1. Notify Conservation Office 72 hours prior to the start of work and provide contact information for the relevant construction company.
2. Allowing for an inspection of erosion controls of the silt sacks and the existing catch basin.
3. Prior to construction provide construction period erosion and sedimentation control plan, a pollution prevention plan, and an Operation & Maintenance plan for stormwater.

Motion: Mr. Gear made a motion to close the public hearing and issue a Negative Determination of Applicability with Ms. Jones requirements.

Ms. Walsh seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously, 5-0 by roll call vote.

3. 911 Boston Providence Highway, Request for Determination of Applicability N2022-011

Applicant: Addie's, PBC
GeoEnvironmental Corp.

Representative: Anthony Damiano of GZA

Project Description: Installation of new loading dock, relocation of existing local drainage system, installation of three new catch basins within existing impervious surface in the Riverfront Area of Meadow Brook.

Mr. Dereck Schipper is representing the request on behalf of Addie's. Mr. Schipper states that the proposed site is an old PCB site. Addie's store will be bringing the groceries to the customer's cars and no customers will enter the store so a parking canopy is required and a loading dock behind the building. Mr. Schipper, the loading dock is within the 200 foot riverfront area but outside of the buffer zone. In order to build loading dock existing drain lines in that area will have to be partially relocated, and a three new man holes will be needed to reroute the lines. Proposing to put in catch basin sacs during construction and straw waddle on the grass surfaces. States they are unable to do any more storm water improvement post construction due to limitation.

Ms. Jones states she does not believe construction will impact Meadow Brook during construction. Agrees it is difficult to improve storm water options during construction, and recommends a negative determination of applicability.

Mr. Gear asks if there is membrane under a certain highlighted part of the construction site? Mr. Schipper responds that there are marker layers and that any marker layers will be restored during construction. Ms. Mary Hall adds in that she does not recall any marker layers being impacted but regardless all PCB areas will be replaced and covered. Mr. Schipper also adds that most material/soil will be reused on site to the best of their ability and they are working closely with Mass EPA to test soil, responding to Mr. Gear's question about getting rid of material on site.

Ms Jones recommends Negative Determination of Applicability with conditions:

1. Notify the office 72 hours before construction.

2. Protect existing catch basins and install erosion control.
3. Forward any approved park plans and permits from the EPA

Motion: Mr. Gear motions to close public hearing and issue Negative Determination of Applicability.

Ms. Walsh seconds motion.

Motion passed unanimously 5-0 by roll call vote.

Conservation Commission Business:

1. Correspondence regarding Alevizos Park

Ms. Jones states that there has been a few events at the park that have created a nuisance- yoga, children hanging off of bars, parking, etc. Ms. Toni Eosco emailed about the issue and is in the meeting to talk about the issue. Ms. Eosco is concerned about children's safety and referenced a picture she sent to the Commission about the issue. Ms. Eosco elaborates on the parking issue for six parking spaces. Suggests sign for guidelines and use of park, as well as lighting.

Mr. Washburn thanks Ms. Eosco for bringing the Park to the Committee's attention. Ms. Jones states there is a sign at the park stating CPC funding. Mr. Washburn states the Commission is in support of new signage to make sure the property is used appropriately. Ms. Jones is going to share with the Commissioners specific recommendations for signage that are at other parks in Norwood. Mr. Gear suggest talking to Light Department about motion censored camera and lights. Ms. Jones clarifies that the Conservation Commission has control over the structure and land and that the yoga class is encouraged to give the instructor contributions but its not mandatory. Mr. Gear suggests going back and working to fix the parking space situation. Ms. Walsh states she likes the use of the structure for yoga and asks to clarify the parking issue. Ms. Jones shares the original plans for the area in regards to parking and the pavilion. Ms. Jones states there is \$8,000 left in the money allocated from the CPC that could be used for temporary use to deal with the parking solution temporarily. Mr. Washburn and Ms. Walsh would prefer the money to be used for the lighting solution. Ms. Jones states she has seen a memo from Mr. Al Getz about a digging restriction on the property.

Action: Ms. Jones will send language regarding signage options to the Commission to be approved and signage can be improved. Ms. Jones will liaise with the Lighting and Police Department as well as Mr. Mark Ryan the town engineer regarding the lighting situation. Committee suggests having discussion in the future about restrictions on smoking on Conservation land. Ms. Jones will continue to inform Ms. Eosco about the updates on the pavilion, signage, and lighting.

2. Endean Orchard Subcommittee update

Ms. Jones gives update on the framing of the ramp at the Orchard by the Eagle Scout. New intern in the department will be watering and weeding, ideally documenting condition of Orchard also.

3. CPC report

Ms. Walsh reports on the meeting they held last week, which was mostly administrative discussing application timeline and eligibility. They also discussed scheduling for next year to make application timeline and submission process consistent. Mr. Joe Greely presented finances and they are in good shape in terms of funding. The next meeting will be held in August and Ms. Walsh will have more specific details after that meeting.

4. Agent update

Ms. Jones states the second meeting of July will be skipped and the next meeting will be August 3rd. The remote meeting ability is set to expire July 15th but looks likely to extend until December 23rd but it is not confirmed, so the August meeting will have an in person location as well as hybrid meeting link.

Ms. Jones informs that Norwood was awarded \$50,000 by the State of Massachusetts for the Bernie Cooper Park as part of the Mass Trails Grant. Town likely to get a reimbursement grant for 50% of the construction costs from the Land and Conservation Fund.

Ms. Jones references past conservation about estimate on Ellis Pond damn but her department was able to requisition all of the money for the project from fiscal year 2022 so the 2023 budget will not be eaten up by the project.

Ms. Jones has ordered a new sign for Pezwick Park, the company that originally made the signs is out of business so the sign is being redesigned with another company and will be similar minus the reference to the now gone Mill Pond. The project will be done by the end of the next week with the exception of some additional planting in the fall.

Ms. Jones is beginning work on a project funded in 2021 for trails behind University Ave that will be completed soon and a firm will be hired for.

Ms. Jones reminds Commissioners who can make it that there is a site visit on Thursday at 4:30om at 835 University Avenue. Ms. Jones invites all to invasive plant removal day this Saturday from 10-2pm at the future Bernie Cooper Memorial Park.

5. Minutes: 10/6/2021, 5/18/2022 & 6/15/2022

Ms. Rocklen states there is just some typos but no big issues.

Motion: Mr. Gear makes motion to approve the minutes.

Ms. Rockland seconds the motion.

Motion passes unanimously 5-0.

Adjournment:

Motion: Ms. Rocklen made a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Walsh seconds the motion.

Motion passes unanimously 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:47pm

Next meeting: August 3rd 2022 at 7:30 pm- hybrid

Respectfully Submitted by Olivia Haglund