

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
781-982-2100

Minutes
March 12, 2013
Buckley Room
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Denis Bergin, Chairman, Jerry Kelliher, Bill Stone, Russ Forsythe (Assoc.), Joe Feeney
Absent: Kathy Creighton, Mike Noonan, Chris Kane, Nathan Elliott

Meeting is being video recorded for cable and Mrs. Powers is recording.

7:00 p.m. Meeting opened in the Cotter Room; motion to move to Buckley Room made by Joe, seconded by Bill, unanimous.

Request for Certificate of Compliance, 84-81, 132 Mill Street. Russ Wheatley and Maureen Savoie explained that in 1989 a NOI had been filed to extend rear lawn and compensate for removing storage. An order of conditions was approved and work was done, but the order was not recorded at that time. It was recorded on March 5, 2013. The Wheatley Company did field survey and it did comply with the plan that was filed in 1989. Russ read letter certifying compliance based on their survey findings. Bill went out to site and looked at storage area and it appeared to be in compliance. Russ – has grown over the years, so there are small trees in the storage area. Opened to floor with no comments and back to table.

Motion to approve the issuance for a Certificate of Compliance for #84-81 made by Bill, seconded by Joe, unanimous (4 ayes).

Old Business:

MassDOT – memo from Christine Odiaga, DEP, was distributed regarding this activity. The Board received a response to Denis’s letter on March 4. Kathy had an issue with test pits (expressed in an e-mail) and borings. Test pit is 10’, boring is 20’. Jerry would like someone to come in to a meeting. Denis suggested they file an RDA and will write to MassDOT.

NStar- application of herbicides along power line and natural gas rights-of-way. NStar is requesting a response by April 5th. A copy of the YOP has been requested. Board of Health has been copied on this by NStar. In 2005, they filed an NOI for roadway maintenance. Denis will check with DEP re pesticides. Joe wondered if abutters were notified as to when and what would be sprayed.

Jim Dombrowski – usually NStar files RDA. What pesticides are they applying? There is an extensive amount of wetlands through Ames Nowell. Suggested a NOI. Denis – board will probably have them file NOI. Mr. Dombrowski – asked if Certificate of compliance had been issued on 2005 filing.

Denis let the board know that town counsel would be attending the next meeting on **March 26th** re suit filed in Superior Court by Mr. & Mrs. Powers. It is in the hands of DEP at this time. Meeting will be in executive session.

442 Rockland Street building permit – Mr. Kohr is planning to take down existing house which is in poor condition and put up new house in its place. New foundation? Yes, as per drawings. Denis checked MassGIS, but didn't see anything on this property. It is not in a flood zone and is on Town sewer.

Motion to sign the building permit made by Joe based on information before the board tonight, seconded by Jerry, unanimous.

Minutes – February 26, motion to approve made by Joe, seconded by Bill, unanimous.

Joe brought up road next to Yellow Freight which goes across to Adams Street. Denis - did some checking, and it was work done by Water Dept. to keep access easement open. It was suggested that education for departments may be in order regarding work that should be brought before the Commission. Joe suggested the Water Department file a NOI for the work done. Mr. Dombrowski – suggested sending a letter. Denis will write to the Water Department. Joe agreed to draft a letter to go to all departments.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. made by Bill, seconded by Joe, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurst