

**NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**February 26, 2014**  
**MINUTES**

**Members present:** Rich Bellerose, Sterling Blackey and Dave Krause.

**Minutes:** Dave Krause moved, seconded by Sterling Blackey to approve the minutes of January 29, 2014 as read. Motion passed.

**Wetlands Ordinance:** In reviewing this ordinance, Dave Krause questioned the 50' wetland buffer requirement as it appears to only impact new projects. He also questioned the 75 foot setback for septic systems which is different from the state requirements. He will discuss these items with the Planning Board.

**Bricks:** The WRTA is looking at various fundraising efforts, including the sale of bricks for part of the walkway for the trail. Members were receptive to including bricks in the Granite Mills Conservation Area.

**Planning Board applications:**

1. Rowell's Sewer & Drain, LLC – review of this application raised many questions and concerns such as:
  - 1) Unfortunately, the town's tax maps have not been updated with the current "Groundwater Protection Overlay Map" which was adopted March 9, 2010. Subsequently, the plans submitted with the application shows the building outside the Groundwater Protection zone. It appears, however, that this entire lot is included in the Groundwater Protection zone.
  - 2) Under Prohibited Uses in the Groundwater Protection zone, fleet/trucking/bus terminals are not allowed.
  - 3) If the Board decides to allow this use, then the trucks would need to be housed inside the building on an impervious surface with no floor drains and a waste water reservoir or catch basin.
  - 4) Does the applicant plan to do maintenance and cleaning of the vehicles on site?
  - 5) There is no mention of storage for Porta Potties on the plan. Where would they be stored?
  - 6) Will there be fuel storage on site? If so, proper containment is required.
  - 7) Will there be bulk storage of cleaning agents. If so, storage containment may be necessary.
  - 8) Is there confirmation that the current septic system is in working order?
  - 9) Note 9h (Performance Standards) of the Groundwater Protection Ordinance requires a Storm Water Management plan.
  
2. Edmund Young – Members reviewed this application and had the following concerns and comments:
  - 1) The application does not indicate the intended use of the building
  - 2) The map included with the application is difficult to read.

- 3) This lot is located within the Groundwater Protection Zone and therefore must meet the requirements of this ordinance including the need for a Storm Water Management plan.

Sterling Blackey moved, seconded by Dave Krause to send letters to the Planning Board with the above concerns.

**Correspondence:**

- DES – Forestry Notification – George Corliss
- NHNRS – membership approval
- Environmental News
- Northern Pass map

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary

*Minutes approved 04-30-2014*