

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes**

**February 20, 2014 (Thursday); 7:00 PM
Marlborough City Hall – 3rd Floor, Memorial Hall**

Members Present: Edward Clancy-Chairman, Lawrence Roy, John Skarin, David Williams, Dennis Demers and Allan White. Also present was Priscilla Ryder-Conservation Officer.

Absent: none

Acceptance of Minutes: The minutes of January 9, 2014 and February 6, 2014 were unanimously approved as written.

Public Hearings:

Notice of Intent

Simarano Dr. - The City of Marlborough DPW

Tim Chorey and Brian Brosnan of VHB were present representing the city. Mr. Chorey explained that the project includes minor modifications to vehicle and pedestrian traffic layout on the entire length of Simarano Dr., including resurfacing, adding a sidewalk and bicycle lane and some lane widening. He pointed out the locations of wetlands along this roadway and showed the buffer zone locations where work will occur. No work is proposed in the wetland areas. Overall, the project will decrease the impervious area. The new sidewalk will drain into the grass strips. All wetlands were flagged and inspected by Ms. Ryder. The wetlands were well defined and followed the toe of slope. 9 additional catchbasin are being added and 23 catchbasin are to be retrofitted with hoods and 4' sumps. The Commission asked about the existing drainage and wondered if the City Engineer has reviewed the plans and provided his blessing. After some lengthy discussion about sequencing and construction methods and drainage divides, the Commission asked the applicant to return to the next meeting to provide the following:

- 1) Approval from city engineer;
- 2) information about the drainage divides on the plan proposed and existing to evaluate what/whether the changes in drainage are significant pre and post construction- to be sure receiving ditches/wetlands can handle any increased flows i.e. at FES 49a, and CB 49, 48, & 47;
- 3) provide some insight on how the roadway work will be coordinated with the Avalon Marlborough project haul routes ;
- 4) confirm with city engineer that the drain line down the middle of the street at the Forest St. end is appropriate;
- 5) confirm that existing swales to be used are able to handle the flows i.e. are clear and free of debris;
- 6) provide construction sequencing plan in general, knowing that contractor will need to meet with Commission on the specific methods to be used (provide parameters of what contractor will need to cover);
- 7) trees to be planted are sugar maples (check with Chris White to confirm appropriateness of this choice).

To give enough time for the applicant to collect this information the Commission with the applicants consent continued the hearing to the March 20, 2014 meeting.

Notice of Intent (Continuation)

93 Framingham Rd. - Melanson Development Group Inc.

At the applicants request this items was continued to the next meeting on March 6th in order to get feedback from the City Engineering Dept.

Notice of Intent (Continued to March 6th)

397 Bolton Street - The Marlborough Community Development Authority

At the applicants request this item was continued to the March 6th meeting in order to have time to submit revised plans.

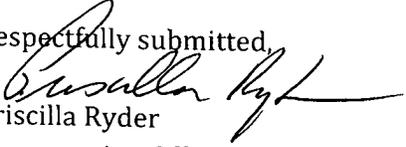
Correspondence/Other Business: The following items were discussed as noted and the Commission voted 6-0 to accept and place on file:

- Ft. Meadow Annual Report 2013 Aquatic Vegetation Management Program – the Commission voted to accept and place on file.
- Community Garden - New location – discussion - The Commission discussed a new garden location at the Elm St. Felton Conservation land and also to look at other locations closer to the center city. They decided that at this time we would not pursue another garden for this year, but should do a master plan for gardens in the city, then proceed with implementation and seek funding for spring 2015 as appropriate. Ms. Ryder will work on a plan. Ms. Ryder also noted that both Hillside School and Spring Hill Farm off Broadmeadow are both looking into doing some additional farming, either as community gardens or Community Supported Agriculture. She will find out more and report back to the Commission.
- Donation of \$1,000 From Cummings Properties – Letter dated Feb. 3, 2014 to Priscilla Ryder, Conservation Officer. The Commission voted 6-0 to accept the donation from the Cummings Properties in honor of Ginger Ryan and to send a thank you note to Cummings properties for this generous gift towards conservation projects. Ms. Ryder will send to City Council for acceptance.
- Vegetation Management Yearly Operational Plan 2014 – Dept. of Public Works – Forestry, Parks & Cemetery Division - The Commission voted to accept and place on file.
- Snow over brook at DPW: Ms. Ryder noted that the DPW has informed her that as of today, the snow pile at the DPW was pushed over the brook behind the DPW yard. The Commission discussed this and at the moment will allow this to continue, but will monitor it to be sure it doesn't cause flooding of the DPW yard. They noted that some of the businesses on Lacombe Dr. also are pushing snow into the brook which should be watched to avoid flooding too.

Meetings: Next Conservation Commission meetings: March 6th and March 20th, 2014
(Thursdays)

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Priscilla Ryder
Conservation Officer