

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes

March 6, 2014 (Thursday)

Marlborough City Hall – 3rd Floor, Memorial Hall

7:00 PM

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

Absent: Edward Clancy-Chairman,

Approval of Minutes: The following minutes were unanimously approved January 23, 2014 & February 20, 2014

Public Hearings:

Request for Determination of Applicability

413 Lakeside Ave. (Shell Gas Station) - Motiva Enterprise LLC,

Jim Smith from Sovereign Consulting Inc. was present and represented the owner. He explained that this site has a history associated with the petroleum release cleanup which stated in 2007. He provided a brief summary of the past cleanup process. 6 recovery wells were installed initially to remove the impacted groundwater which was hauled off site. Then they changed the system to treat and reinject the treated water into some injection wells to help with speeding up the cleaning process. Initially they were processing 2,000 gallons per day. However, the reinjection wells began getting clogged when the naturally occurring iron was oxidized in this process and the injection wells efficiency decreased. They tried to open the wells and rejuvenate them with little success. The system has been down for the past two years, and they would like to finish the cleanup. The proposal on the table now is to extract, treat through the three carbon filter systems and then discharge into the sewer line on site. They will need to get a sewer discharge permit from the DPW and will be required to monitor and evaluate the discharge on a regular basis. Limits will be set as to what can be discharged etc. Monitoring will be done at the wells and between the treatment systems to ensure that only clean water is discharged. The Commission asked what impact, if any, the groundwater extraction would have on the adjacent wetland. Mr. Smith said they had not had any problems with the groundwater table in the times he has been there. The Commission wondered if a discharge limit of 2,000 gal per day could be set to be sure this doesn't affect the groundwater levels and wetland. Mr. White wanted to be sure a DPW discharge permit was obtained before any work was done. Mr. Demers questioned why "clean" treated water would be directed to the sewer and not the storm drain. In all cases he's worked on groundwater and was NOT permitted to be discharged to the sewer. After much discussion about the treatment system and trace levels of contaminants that remain in the ground and where it could be discharged and any impacts to the wetland. The Commission with the applicants consent continued the hearing to the March 20th meeting in order for Ms. Ryder to get feedback from the DPW Sewer division to determine why/whether the treated discharge could go to the storm drain and if not, then what controls/conditions must be added to protect the sewer discharge (if needed).

Notice of Intent (Continued to March 20th)

93 Framingham Rd. - Melanson Development Group Inc.

At the applicants request this item was continued to the March 20th meeting to allow time to make some changes to the plan.

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397 Bolton Street - The Marlborough Community Development Authority

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Discussion:

- Preserves at Ames – Wetland Restoration Plan for violation area
Ryan Bianchetto from Allen and Major was present and reviewed the plan submitted showing the wetland replication area intended to resolve the wetland disturbance violation. He reviewed the planting plan and placement. A portion of the replication area shown will be part of the final replication for the Preserve at Ames project. There was some discussion about whether the entire replication area can be constructed at this time with a conclusion that the replication for the violation MUST be done in April and the rest can follow with the larger development. The Commission noted that the buffer zone should be marked in field with permanent markers. After some discussion the Commission voted unanimously 5-0 to approve the plans as presented and to have Ms. Ryder send a letter which emphasizes the steps needed for the replications, site visits etc. and includes the requirement for the installation of the buffer zone markers.
- Community Garden update- Ms. Ryder explained that the Community Garden sign up occurred on February 26th and the garden is fully subscribed with a few people on the waiting list. Everyone still needs to pay up, so that deadline is March 14th. She also noted that a man had approached her to find out if he could keep several 2-5 bee hives at the site (away from the garden) for his own use. He is not a commercial grower, just doing it as a hobby. The Commission in general had no objections, but requested that Ms. Ryder find out how other Community gardens handle such a request and if it is something that can/should be done and any precautions to take.

Correspondence/Other Business:

Meetings: Next Conservation Commission meetings - March 20th and April 3, 2014 (Thursdays)

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Priscilla Ryder
Conservation officer