

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
January 8, 2015 (Thursday)
Marlborough City Hall – 3rd Floor, Memorial Hall
7:00 PM**

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

Absent: Allan White

Minutes: The minutes of December 4, 2014 were reviewed and the Commission unanimously voted to approve with a vote of 6-0.

Public Hearings:

Notice of Intent

9A Lakeshore Dr. – James Hannoosh

Mr. Hannoosh was present and explained that he had purchased this cottage a while ago and it is small, so he wants to add an addition and a new deck. The plan meets all the setback requirements from the side lot lines and is more than 30' from the lake. The new addition will have a full foundation which is a walkout basement. They will not encroach upon the sewer lift station which is next to the house. No work is proposed on the beach area. All excess material not used for backfill will be removed from the site. No paving or other work besides the addition and the deck are proposed. Equipment will likely access from the side driveway on the adjacent lot as well as from his parking area. He is working out permission with his neighbors. The Commission asked some additional questions and although there were quite a few neighbors who attended, no one spoke. The hearing was closed and the Commission asked Ms. Ryder to draft a set of conditions for the next meeting.

Notice of Intent - (Continuation)

Lot 13 Donald Lynch Blvd. – Quad Rink Limited Partnership

Robert Truax of GLM Engineering; Chip Orcutt from Quad Rink Limited Partnership and Wes Tuttle from New England Sports Center were all present. Mr. Truax explained that based on the last meeting, he had revised the plan and split it into two sheets; one showing the landscape plan and the other the grading and detention facilities. The new plan is dated 1-8-15. He also provided a memo which outlined the "New England Sports Center: Slope Construction" protocol which was reviewed and approved by the Commission and will need to be followed during construction. He also reviewed the alternatives analysis, dated Dec. 30, 2015 which is required in the Riverfront area which the Commission reviewed and accepted.

The construction sequencing and slope stabilization was discussed. The contractor will be instructed to create the slope and embankment in controlled lifts and will use slope fabric to stabilize the slope which in the end will be 20' high. They will use stump grindings as shown on the plans.

They explained that their rink expansion plan is still in progress and they hope to have something soon to file with the City Council, however they wanted to table this site now in anticipation of doing something with the lot in the future. Given the amount of earth moving required, they are anticipating between 3-6 weeks of work. Mr. Demers asked some questions about construction, materials, sequencing and was given a summary of the items provided at the previous meeting since he and Ms. Paquin had not attended. After further discussion, the Commission closed the hearing and reviewed a draft Order of Conditions. The Commission voted unanimously 6-0 to approve the draft conditions as written and amended.

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Certificate of Compliance

- DEP 212-1131 330 Berlin Rd. - Ms. Ryder noted that she is still waiting for deed language as required, once this is submitted this will be added again to the agenda.

Draft Order of Conditions

- 424 South St. – South Street Realty Trust - The Commission reviewed the draft Order of Conditions and voted unanimously 6-0 to approve the conditions as written and as amended to allow the applicant to add a sleeve under the bridge for utilities if that proves necessary.

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Discussion/Other Business

- Summary of revised Wetland Regulations - Ms. Ryder provided a memo dated Jan 8, 2015 summarizing the Wetland Regulations that have recently gone into effect. The most significant being that the utilities including water, sewer, gas, electric etc. are now exempt from having to file with the Commission if work is within the roadway and not in a wetland resource area. This will mean the DPW will not need to file for the utility replacements in the roadway in the future. The new regulations also address stream crossings and abutter notice requirements for large linear projects. The Commission accepted the memo and asked Ms. Ryder to send something similar to the DPW and ask that they provide a letter to the Commission when work on utility lines in roadways near wetlands are to be done, so the Commission is aware and can respond if there are any issues prior to construction. They also suggested that a protocol be put in place with the DPW re: erosion controls, what to do during warm “non-freezing” weather and what to do during freezing conditions when dewatering is more difficult. Ms. Ryder will send a letter to DPW with this information.
- Road Salt issue - Mr. Demers and Mr. Skarin expressed concerns that the city is using straight salt on the roadways. Based on this discussion at the previous meeting, Ms. Ryder had provided information to the Commission about road salt and environmental issues. The Commission had read the information from the State of NH that is concerned with road salt and lake health. They wanted to know if the city has any data on salt contents in our drinking water supply, Lake Williams and

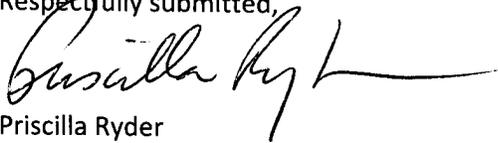
Millham Reservoirs. Wondered if they have data in summer and when road salt is in use. Major concern is the impact the salt may have on drainage structures i.e. catch basins both the metal and concrete which are both corroded by salt. They also wanted to be sure the public safety balance is “balanced” with the environmental health issues. After some discussion, it was agreed that Ms. Ryder will draft a letter to the DPW for Mr. Clancy’s signature to ask questions about the current road salt operation as it relates to 1) human health and safety - what is salt level in water currently, has trend changed over time? 2) Ecological impact – on streams, lakes, has it accumulated, does it flush out? 3) Share NH DES report with DPW and discuss issues raised in that document too. After some further discussion, the Commission agreed that a letter expressing the Commission’s concerns about straight salt and asking for information was warranted. Ms. Ryder and Mr. Clancy will work on this and set up a meeting with the DPW.

Meetings – Next Conservation meetings – Jan. 22, 2015 and Feb. 5, 2015 (Thursdays). A special joint meeting with Hudson Conservation Commission and Ft. Meadow Commission will be held on January 29, 2015 in Hudson.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Priscilla Ryder", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Priscilla Ryder
Conservation Officer