

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes

July 16, 2015 (Thursday)

Marlborough City Hall – 3rd Floor, Memorial Hall

7:00 PM

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

Absent: None

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of June 18, 2015 were reviewed and the Commission voted unanimously to approve.

Public Hearings:

Request for Determination of Applicability

CSX Transportation Inc. – confirming the wetland resources

The Commission reviewed a request for determination from CSX regarding wetlands in the vicinity of the CSX railroad line on the southern boundary of Marlborough. (No one from CSX was present). Ms. Ryder indicated that she had field checked the yellow and blue markings in the field which indicates the no spray and limited spray zones near the wetlands. Ms. Ryder confirmed that the wetlands in the field and on the plans are accurate. The Commission voted unanimously 7-0 to issue a positive determination approving the wetland boundaries as shown.

Request for Determination of Applicability

0 Crowley Dr. - First Colony Development

John Deli Prescoli was present and explained that he is requesting verification that there are no wetlands on the property. The property in question is a portion of Assessor's Map 15, Parcel 22 which has not yet been formally subdivided. The two wet areas in questions were constructed detention basins to control runoff when the property was cleared initially and soil moved. These two basins have been in place for a long time, but were man made and do not border on a stream or other wetland resource area. The Commission agreed that these were man-made structures and although they currently hold water as they were constructed to do, they are not wetlands. Mr. Deli Prescoli explained he may have a buyer for the lot and if so First Colony Development would do the site work for the new owner. He just wanted confirmation that no wetlands exist on the site to help with the sale. The Commission voted 7-0 unanimously to issue a negative determination noting there are no wetlands on this parcel in question which is a subset of map 15 parcel 22 as shown on the plans submitted with the application.

Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation - **Continuation**

890 Boston Post Rd. - Edu Rosa of Cornerstone Supply, Inc.

Chairman Clancy noted that he and Ms. Ryder had reviewed the maps and the stream stats report after the last meeting and have come to the conclusion that these are accurate. Therefore, based on that review the bordering vegetated wetland delineation is accurate.

No riverfront area exists on the site. The Commission closed the hearing and voted unanimously 7-0 to issue an Order of Resource Area Delineation confirming the delineation as shown on the plan and presented in the Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD).

Notices of Intent - Continuation

West Hill LLC – Proposes to construct 6 single family homes next to wetlands at:

- 25 Dufresne Dr.
- 43 Dufresne Dr.
- 53 Dufresne Dr.
- 71 Dufresne Dr.
- 81 Dufresne Dr.
- 85 Dufresne Dr.

The applicant had provided by mail a revised wetland delineation plan and supporting documentation. They were not able to attend the meeting, but asked to be notified of when the site visit to review the delineation was to be set.

The Commission reviewed the revised plans and noted that the wetland line per the plan had shrunk a bit and was concerned with the changes. Several of the abutters were present and also looked at the plan revisions and asked questions about the lot lines etc. After some discussion about the lot configuration and items that relate to the Planning Board, the Commission agreed to have a site visit at the site on Thursday July 23, at 5:30 PM. The abutters were invited to come along if they wanted to as well. Ms. Ryder will notify the applicant.

Certificate of Compliance

- DEP 212-614 587 Bolton St. – Piccadilly Pub (a.k.a. Bolton Street Tavern)- Ms. Ryder noted that she has not received a storm water report as required, so the Commission continued this item until the report is received.

Discussion/Correspondence/Other Business:

The Commission voted unanimously to accept and file the following documents and had discussion as noted.

- E-mail from Charlie Galland - RE: Pond-81 McNeil Circle, dated June 5, 2015- The Commission discussed the pond and the cattails that are growing thick along the pond edge. They noted that this was normal pond succession and did not have any recommendations on what to do at this point. Ms. Ryder will convey to Mr. Galland.
- Letter to Mayor Vigeant, RE: Acceptance of Gift of \$1,000 to Conservation Maintenance Fund – Dow Chemical Co. dated June 19, 2015.

Other Business: - None

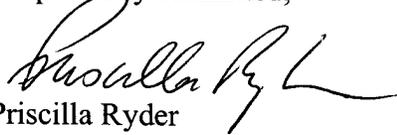
Project updates:

- 147 Cullinane Dr. – DEP 212- 1118 Ms. Ryder noted that the owner would like to extend the deck over the lower retaining wall next to the water at this location. Currently only a set of stairs is permitted in this location. The Commission discussed this option and then determined that a deck extension above the lower wall was too close to the water and would not be acceptable in their opinion. Ms. Ryder will convey.
- 64 Westernview Dr. – DEP 212-1127 Ms. Ryder noted that while doing an inspection at this house she noted that the stairs going to the water were in a slightly different configuration than the originally approved plans and included some additional switchbacks and landing. After some discussion, the Commission determined that the changes were minor and did not need any further review or approval from them.
- Robin Hill Street – and Jericho Hill - The legal dept. has submitted to the City Council two parcels of land for acceptance as city conservation land. Both parcels, one on Robin Hill St. and the other a small triangle on Jericho Hill were both gifted to the city. They are before the city council for acceptance. The Commission had no issues with being the managers of these parcels and agreed to support the acceptance of these parcels by the City Council for conservation purposes.
- Chemical Free Invasive Plant Control Workshop- This workshop is being held on July 29th , Ms. Ryder and Ms. Paquin have both signed up to go. One portion of the workshop talks about the use of goats for invasive plant control.

Meetings – Next Conservation meetings – August 6th and 20th , 2015

Adjournment - There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Priscilla Ryder
Conservation Officer