

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes**

**March 5, 2015 (Thursday)**

**Marlborough City Hall – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Memorial Hall**

**7:00 PM**

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

**Absent:** Lawrence Roy

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of January 29, 2015 and February 19, 2015 were approved unanimously as amended.

**Public Hearings:**

Notice of Intent (Continuation)

85 Ames St. - Central Steel Supply Co.

Mr. Bruce Saluk from Bruce Saluk and Associates, Joseph Doucette from Central Steel Supply Co. and Erynn Marshal from Oxbow Associates were all present. Mr. Saluk provided a revised: 1 - drainage plan dated 3-4-15, 2 - Erosion control plan dated 3-4-15; Sheet 1 layout plan dated 3-4-15. He reviewed the construction sequencing plan requested by the Commission at the last meeting. It is outlined in Addendum #1 of the storm water drainage plans as Appendix E and shown on Sheet C3 as well. The Commission discussed the driveway relocation, the construction sequencing, the need for a stable base, because heavy equipment passes across the driveway. Erosion controls were discussed and curbing described. They do fall within the Water Supply Protection District and will be altering a portion of wetland. They are prepared to go before the City Council for the variance. They did note that this work was previously approved for the Preserve at Ames project and wondered if this overlap prevented them from having to go to City Council. Ms. Ryder will ask. Mr. Clancy noted that the building as designed is only 5 feet away from the driveway entrance and will be a tight fit. Mr. Doucette explained that there really wasn't an alternative. Mr. Demers asked about the perk tests done and soil encountered. Mr. Saluk indicated the boring logs are in the plans, but mostly found sand and gravel below the silty loam, so the infiltration systems should work well. Some soil will need to be brought in for the project fill. There will be extra loam once the trees are removed. They will use it on site and remove anything they don't need. After some discussion about the sensitive nature of this site and its proximity to Millham Brook tributary, the Commission closed the hearing. They reviewed a draft Order of Conditions and voted unanimously 6-0 to approve the draft Order of Conditions as written and amended.

### **Draft Order of Conditions**

- DEP 212-1147 Lakeside Ave. – Crabtree at Lake Williams, LLC – gas line  
Deshang Wang and Richard Roper representing Crabtree at Lake Williams were present. The Commission reviewed the draft Order of Conditions provided and got clarification that the gas company would be doing the actual pipe installation; the contractor for Crabtree would be doing the excavation work. The replication area was discussed. The Commission voted unanimously 6-0 to approve the Order of Conditions as written and amended.

### **Discussion/Other Business**

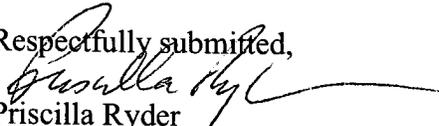
- Desert Natural Area – Sudbury Valley Trustees (SVT) and Dept. of Conservation Recreation. (DCR) proposed habitat restoration – continued discussion. Ms. Ryder provided the Commission with a memorandum from her and Commissioner Paquin summarizing a meeting held with both SVT and DCR will be doing some forest management to improve and expand the pitch pine scrub oak forest. Some additional thinning for forest stand management will be done on SVT's property and some additional thinning of the red pine stands will be done on the DCR property. Both operations were inquiring whether the city's Conservation Commission planned to join in this effort at this time. The forester who did the city's Forest Stewardship Plan suggested that the area near the recent burn would be recommended at this time, but not the western side near the DCR land which has too many non-native invasive plants that would need to be controlled. The Commission indicated that Ms. Ryder should inquire as to the cost associated with another restoration and whether some additional harvesting could offset the cost. The Commission noted that there are no funds for the project, so unless the project can support itself either with grants or timber sale that they would not be doing any of this work. Ms. Ryder will inquire. The DCR had also asked if the city would consider a landing on city property next to trail junction B. It would need to be about an acre and could then be converted to a meadow once the logging operation was completed. It could be used for a future landing for the Commission for future land management at no cost to the city. Further discussion about the roll the Commission wants to play resulted in the consensus that the Commission would play a supporting role for both SVT and DCR and will explore the possibility of doing some work in unit 8 and 2C as shown in the Forest Stewardship Plan if there is no cost to the city.
- DCR Forest Management Proposal - Ms. Ryder drafted comments for the Forest Management Proposal prepared by DCR or the State Forest section of the Desert Natural Area. The Commission reviewed the draft letter and made comment and agreed it should be sent.
- OARS Trout restoration - OARS informed the Commission that unfortunately they were not successful with the grant application to replace the culvert on Old Concord Rd. for trout restoration.
- DPW sent an e-mail informing the Commission that they would be doing waterline repair work on Walker St. next to Walker Brook. This is an exempt activity under the new

regulations. They will inform the Commission as to the date the work will begin and install erosion controls as necessary.

**Meetings** – Next Conservation meetings – March 19<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 (Thursdays)

**Adjournment-** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Priscilla Ryder  
Conservation Officer