

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

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

Absent: Allan White, Karin Paquin and John Skarin

Public Hearings:

135 Neil St. – City of Marlborough Engineering Dept.

Evan Pilachowski, City Engineer, Tom Temple Assistant Commissioner of Operations, and Matt St. Pierre from Tata and Howard were all present. Mr. Pilachowski showed a plan of the DPW yard under its existing condition and then showed the proposed plan which includes improvements to the drainage, including the addition of a detention basin, relocation of the fuel pump relocation of drain lines, addition of catch basin, location of salt shed and loading platform, canopy for fuel pump area with fire suppression. In addition, the water main blew out this past winter and will need to be replaced. A new sleeve is proposed under the stream channel which will have two sleeves in case additional utilities must cross the brook in the future. Ms. Ryder noted that the stream channel is now still covered with snow, so the wetland could not be adequately checked. Once the snow melts this will need to be checked again. The banks of the stream are likely covered with gravel from the snow melt from many years, these banks should be restored and replanted is her recommendation. The Commission agreed. Chairman Clancy noted that there is no outlet structure shown on the plans for the detention basin. Mr. Pilachowski noted that this still needs to be added, and that the detention basin as shown has a retaining wall which he has asked to be graded instead. A revised plan will be submitted showing same. Mr. Demers asked if test holes had been dug at the detention basin area. Mr. Temple replied that this can be done by Yankee Engineering who will be out to do soil tests for the building as well. This can be included. After a lengthy discussion about the salt shed, the grading needed, the drainage and the snow dump re-location, the commission determined that the following is still needed before a decision can be rendered: Erosion Control and Phasing plan, more detail about how the sleeve is to be installed under the brook i.e. brook diversion method and guidance etc., information about the stream bank restoration and more information about the future snow dump location. The hearing was continued to May 21st. If all documents are received prior to the meeting Ms. Ryder will draft a set of conditions for review.

Notice of Intent (Continuation)

Elm St. Culvert – The City of Marlborough Dept. of Public Works

The Commission received revised plans showing the re-location of the wetland replacement area and planting plan titled Proposed Culvert (Sheets C1, C2, C3) revised 2/5/2015 Sheet C3 revised date 5/1/2015 as well as a construction sequencing plan . The Commission reviewed these documents and confirmed they met with their approval. The hearing was then closed. The Commission reviewed a draft Order of Conditions and made a few edits to the document and discussed the need for the weather forecast to be consulted as noted in the conditions. The Commission voted 4-0 unanimously to issue the Order of Conditions as drafted and amended.

Request for Determination of Applicability

Lot 6- #21 Bemis Rd. - Melanson Development Group, Inc.

Seth Pease, from Oxbow Associates was present; along with Mr. Melanson owner of the property were both present. Mr. Pease explained that although no work is proposed in the riverfront area or the buffer zone, the lot does contain land in the Riverfront area. As discussed several months ago, the applicant has filed a Request for Determination, so that the Commission has an avenue to require deed restriction to be placed on the property and to require Riverfront zone markers to be installed in the field. The plan provided shows the location of the markers to be installed, and the RDA provides a draft deed noting the restrictions of clearing in the riverfront area and the permission to remove invasive plants with the permission of the Commission. Mr. Pease explained that although the Riverfront area has some nice mature trees it also contains invasives such as Japanese knotweed; honeysuckle; garlic mustard and multiflora rose, all which could use some attention to remove them. After some discussion the Commission agreed with the above items and closed the hearing. They voted unanimously 4-0 to issue a negative determination with conditions to protect the Riverfront area similar to what was done for lot #7 & #8 and as provided in the Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA).

Draft Order of Conditions

- DEP 212-1120 358 Berlin Rd. Brazilian Church- The Commission reviewed the draft Order of Conditions and voted unanimously 4-0 to issue the Order of Conditions as drafted and amended.

Certificates of Compliance

- DEP 212-937 (never started) 7 Beaman Lane. – The Commission reviewed the request to release this Order of Conditions which was never started. The Commission voted unanimously 4-0 to issue a full Certificate of Compliance for this project that never started (and was superseded by DEP 212-1021 below)

- DEP 212-1021 7 Beaman Ln. (Full Certificate) Ms. Ryder noted that she has inspected the site and reviewed the Order of Conditions. The applicant has provided the deed language, the as built plan and has installed pressure treated wood stakes to mark the 20' buffer zone. The Commission asked that the stakes be replaced with lolly columns since they are more permanent. They voted unanimously 4-0 to issue a full Certificate of Compliance and for Ms. Ryder to hold the Certificate of Compliance until the markers have been replaced.

Discussion:

- Project updates:
 - Ames St. - Ms. Ryder noted that the Ames St. project has started, all trees are removed, and erosion controls are in place. The next few weeks when they start stripping the top soil it will be critical.
 - The Overlook at Lake Williams project is also starting up now and work will continue. The next few weeks will be critical as they build the walls and detention basin.
 - Boy Scout projects - Ms. Ryder noted the Peter DiPersio a boy scout has removed bittersweet vines from the trees around the parking lot at Cider Knoll on May 2, 2015. He did a great job.

Correspondence/Other Business- The Commission reviewed the following correspondence and voted unanimously to accept and place on file:

- Hazardous Waste Day – May 30, 2015
- Letter to Bureau of Forest Fire Control and Forestry, dated April 17, 2015 RE: Forest Management Proposal Hansen Lot – Marlborough Sudbury State Forest Within Desert Natural Area – Marlborough

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

Respectfully submitted,


Priscilla Ryder
Conservation Officer