

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
October 20, 2016 (Thursday)
Marlborough City Hall – 3rd Floor, Memorial Hall
7:00 PM**

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

Absent: None

Approval of Minutes – The Commission reviewed the minutes of October 6, 2016 and voted 6-0 to approve. (Allan White arrived after the vote)

Public Hearings:

7:00 423 Bigelow St. - Kathleen Lirette

Ms. Lirette was present and explained that she proposes to add stairs and a deck behind the house near wetlands. The work is outside the 50' Water Supply Protection District set back and 60' from the wetland edge. Work will involve posts in the ground with little or no disturbance. The Commission asked some questions and then closed the hearing. The Commission voted unanimously 7-0 to issue a negative Determination of Applicability with standard conditions.

Discussion:

- Donald Wright – haying, nesting bird, etc. - Ms. Ryder is still gathering information and will report back when information is available.
- Hazardous Waste Day – Oct. 22, 2016- this was announced, Mr. Williams indicated they needed volunteers for the day.
- 329 Maple St. – Violation update - Attorney Bergeron and Mr. Donnarumma were present to discuss the problems at the site. Mr. Bergeron explained that there were 4 issues he needed to address from the last meeting as follows: 1) the fence across the brook needs to be high enough to avoid the 100-year flood elevation; 2) storage bins are to be moved outside the floodplain; 3) provide fence/landscaping along the brook edge. A rendering of proposed shrubs along the edge of the brook was provided. The Commission asked what the species type was, how tall it would grow and how big the plants would be when they were installed. Mr. Donnarumma did not know, but said he'd find out from his landscaper and get back to the Commission. The Commission noted that they wanted a physical barrier between the parking lot and the brook, so the shrubs would need to be at least 3' tall and be a continuous hedge. Previous discussion talked about a fence and plantings. Mr. Donnarumma would like it to be a hedge as the barrier maintained at a height of 3-4 ft. high. The Commission asked that he provide the type of plant to Ms. Ryder for review and approval before planting. Provide this information on or before Oct. 28th and plant them prior to Nov. 15th. The other items it was

agreed upon would be completed on or before Nov. 30, 2016 including: moving the storage bins outside the floodplain and adjusting the fence across the brook, so it is above the 100-year flood elevation. Ms. Ryder was asked to provide a letter summarizing these requirements.

Other Business/Correspondence:

- Letter from National Grid – dated Oct. 4, 2016 – Notification of Utility Maintenance Activities (Public Utility Maintenance Exemption) under MGL 131, Section 40 - Distribution Pole Replacement, Stevens St. The Commission reviewed and voted to place on file.
- 140 Stevens St. – Ms. Ryder indicated she received a call about filling in the wetland and had sent a letter to the owner to meet on site. She will report on this at the next meeting.
- Inspection Reports – All Commission members were asked if they would like to receive the weekly inspection reports provided by e-mail on the larger sites. The Commission noted “Yes” they would like to see them.
- Emergency Certificate 688 Boston Post Rd. - Northborough Management who manages the Wayside Condos at 688 Boston Post Rd. had requested permission to repair a section of the sewer line that is currently backing up into the building. They would like to get the work done as soon as possible to eliminate the backup and prevent anything from getting into the wetland. Ms. Ryder had written up the Emergency Certificate (EC) today and the Commission voted unanimously 7-0 to approve and issue the Emergency Certificate.

Meetings – Next Conservation meetings – Nov. 3rd and Nov. 17th, 2016 (Thursdays)

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Priscilla Ryder
Conservation Officer