

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MINUTES

April 7, 2005
Memorial Hall, 3rd Floor, City Hall

Members Present: David Williams, Allan White, Lawrence Roy, Jr., John Skarin, Dennis Demers, and Priscilla Ryder-Conservation Officer

Absent: Edward Clancy –Chairman; Donald Rider

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of March 17, 2005 were approved as written.

Public Hearing(s)

Request for Determination of Applicability

157 Cullinane Dr. - Kitty Schrow

David Dowd and Kitty Schrow were present and explained that they are removing the existing house and replacing it with a two story house with a small addition to the foundation where the porch now extends out. The house is 60 feet from the water and a large deck sits between the house and the water. The Commission noted that the lot is very small, all excess materials must be removed. After some discussion, the Commission voted 5-0 to issue a Negative Determination with conditions for: dust control during demolition, removal of excess material, and a pre-construction meeting to determine if erosion controls are necessary.

Request for Determination of Applicability (Continuation of Public Hearing)

CSX Transportation

Ms. Ryder explained that the representative from CSX could not make the meeting. However, she has inspected the railroad right-of-way and the wetland locations. Not much has changed from 5 years ago and the wetland lines and the no spray zones remain accurate. The Commission voted 5-0 to approve the wetland boundary line and the spray/no spray areas as depicted on the plan.

Notice of Intent (Continuation of Public Hearing)

Brigham St. - Lawrence Moloney (owner)

Ralph Wagner of Overland Design was present and presented a revised plan to the Commission. The changes shown were to the replication area as Southborough requires a 2:1 replication; information on the arch bridge was provided with a step by step description on the installation of the bridge. The Commission confirmed that no underground utilities are proposed on the site. Mr. Demers explained that the bridge spans are difficult to install and require some tight logistics and he would like to be called when this is being installed. After some discussion, the Commission continued the hearing to April 21st in order for the applicant to

determine if any changes are proposed by Southborough, and to get input from the city engineer regarding the plan.

Discussion

- Sterling Woods detention basin - Informal discussion with Ronald LaFreniere
Ronald Lafreniere, DPW Commissioner, was present and discussed the options that he has been discussing with Farooq Ansari and his engineer Andy Listen, to correct the failed detention basin at the end of Brazeau Circle. The solution involves the reconstruction of the detention basin, the reconfiguration of the outlet structure and some channelization of the wetland area to allow for more flow of water to the drain outlet behind the homes on Bergeron and Scholfield Lns. Mr. LaFreniere explained that the applicant would need to file with the Commission for all this work. He wanted to be sure that the channelization of the wetland would be permissible. The Commission discussed the need to be sure the wetland wasn't being "drained". Mr. LaFreniere indicated that the ditch would be relatively flat and would need to be maintained. Currently, the growth within the wetland is causing the water to flow around the wetland rather than through it and onto the adjacent properties. The Commission noted that in some cases, the back yards may have encroached into the wetland. Old photographs of this area should be able to determine the extent of wetlands in the past. The Commission discussed the merits of a single or multiple trenches through the wetland. The Commission determined that the overall concept appears to work and still meet the needs of the Wetland Protection Act (WPA). The applicant will need to provide proof that they will not be draining the wetland and that proper construction monitoring and reporting will be provided to ensure proper construction of this facility. Mr. LaFreniere will convey this discussion to Mr. Liston and the Commission should be expecting a filing in the next few months.

- 250 Locke Dr. DEP 212-953 (wetland violations) - The Commission reviewed the violation notice and fine issued for the wetland violation at this location. Muddy water was observed leaving the site, which is under construction. Before and during the heavy rainstorm the erosion controls and water diversion devices were NOT in place. These have since been corrected.

Certificate(s) of Compliance

- DEP 212-313 31 Draper Circle (Partial Certificate) The Commission reviewed this old filing and voted 5-0 to issue a Partial Certificate of Compliance.

- DEP 212-934 120 Bartlett St. (Full Certificate) The replication area still needs to be inspected. This was continued to the next meeting.

Draft Order of Conditions

- DEP 212-957 401 Cedar Hill St. - Review Draft Order of Conditions
401 Cedar Hill St. (behind 120 Bartlett St.) c/o RAM Management

The Commission reviewed the draft Order of Conditions and voted 5-0 to issue the Order as written.

Correspondence

- Ltr. from Dick Wolfe of the Easy Riders Snowmobile Club dated March 14, 2005
RE: Snowmobile access to "The Desert". The Commission reviewed this document and voted to accept and place on file and will review this item at the first meeting in Sept. 2005.

Other Business

- Mr. White asked that Ms. Ryder check into the status of mosquito control's work on Berlin Rd.

- Ms. Ryder noted that she is reviewing the site plans for the Chestnut Ridge development off of Crowley Dr. The design of the detention basin avoids an isolated wetland. The Commission reviewed the plans and asked that Ms. Ryder check the isolated wetland for any wildlife habitat values.

Meetings

- The next Conservation Commission meetings - April 21st and May 5th, 2005
(Thursdays)

Adjournment

- There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Ryder
Conservation Officer