

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MINUTES
August 10, 2006

Memorial Hall, 3rd Floor, City Hall

Members Present: - Allan White-Acting Chairman, David Williams, Lawrence Roy, Dennis Demers, Michele Higgins, and Priscilla Ryder-Conservation Officer;

Absent: Edward Clancy; John Skarin

Discussion

- Ft. Meadow weeds - Discussion with the Ft. Meadow Commission
Lee Thomson from the Ft. Meadow Commission was present and explained that the weeds are extensive this year. The State Weed Watch program did a weed workshop for about 15-20 volunteers last night. Michelle Robinson, from the Weed Watchers program did confirm that the clam found was indeed the invasive Asian Clam. She noted that the clam cannot stand being frozen, so a drawdown of the lake may be helpful in eliminating the spread of this clam. Also, as noted in past drawdowns, the Eurasian Milfoil also is reduced in population after a drawdown. Spot treatment for Eurasian Milfoil was done by Lee Lyman in the basin near Blaisewood Ave. this summer and appears successful. Given all this, the Ft. Meadow Commission would like to formally request that the lake be drawn down from mid September 2006 to mid February 2007, a long winter drawdown, in an attempt to help control Eurasian Milfoil and the Asian Clam. The Commission voted 4-0 to approve the long term winter drawdown as allowed by DEP 212-949. A letter confirming this vote will be sent to Mr. Thomson. He confirmed that they will request the same vote from the Hudson Conservation Commission and will follow the notification protocol outlined in the generic Order of Conditions allowing the drawdowns.
- The new Assabet River Rail Trail (ARRT) - poster showing results of the charrette - was presented and reviewed by the Commission. The Commission accepted it and placed it on file.
- DEP 212-762 Villages at Crane Meadow - Discuss as-built plans - This item was continued.

Public Hearings

Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (Continuation of Public Hearing)
Hudson St. - Dwight Howe

Attorney David Gadbois was present and represented the applicant. He explained the location of the wetlands on the property. Mr. Howe intends to sell the land, but needs verification of the wetland boundaries before he can proceed down this road. So, they are before the Commission this evening to requests verification of a

wetland boundary line at Hudson St. (Map 30 & 43, Parcels 20 & 86) Across from the golf driving range.

David Crossman did the wetland delineation in May of 2004 and Tom DiPersio prepared the survey plan, but neither of them could be present this evening. Ms. Ryder indicated she had walked the site and recommended some changes to a small section of the wetland boundary line. The Commission determined that a site walk would be necessary and set a site meeting for Tuesday, August 15th at 6:00 PM to meet at the golf driving range across the street. This item was continued to the next meeting on August 24th.

Request for Determination of Applicability
50 Woodland Dr. - Eric Benjaminsen

Eric Benjaminsen and Leslie Francis were present. They presented their project as shown on the plan. They would like to add a farmer's porch on sona tubes, no foundation, and remove some trees and expand their yard. All the work is outside the 20 foot buffer zone. The Commission asked how many trees would be removed, they replied about 8, the pines were planted as Christmas trees and are now 40 feet tall. The stumps will be ground in place and some loam added to the back yard. After some discussion the Commission 4-0 voted to approve the plan and issue a Negative Determination with conditions that the 20 foot buffer zone be marked in the field before work begins, no loam is to be placed in the 20 foot buffer zone, at the end of the project the 20 foot buffer zone should be permanently marked in the field.

Notice of Intent (Continuation of Public Hearing) - DEP 212-997
Crowley Dr. (The Residences at Chestnut Ridge)

Jeremy of GCG Associates the site engineers explained that they have some information as requested at the last meeting. However, the wall design as requested will not be ready for two weeks. To help in this discussion, he had asked a representative from Redi-wall to discuss the wall design. The representative explained that the ready rock wall is made with precast concrete retaining wall system, rather like lego blocks. The face of the wall is 18" tall ND 46" wide. They are each 1,200 to 2,400 lbs. The blocks are battered back and require geogrid to be added. The utilities will be moved outside of the geogrid material as required by the city engineer. The Commission agreed that this detail was sufficient, but required that it be put on a plan which must be submitted prior to the Conservation Officer sign off on the site plans. The Commission closed the hearing.

The Commission reviewed a Draft Order of Conditions for this project. The Commission made some amendments relative to the start of the construction date for the walls (not in winter) after some discussion the Commission voted 4-0 to issue the Order of Conditions as drafted and amended, with the requirement for revised plans as noted.

Notice of Intent (Continuation of Public Hearing)

714 Farm Rd. - Robert Valchuis

Richard Manville of Guerrier and Halnon was present and reviewed the changes he had made to the plans so far. He has added the items required per the city engineer. However, the city engineer has not had a chance to review the changes yet. The Commission continued the hearing to the August 24th meeting, to get these comments.

Notice of Intent (Continuation of Public Hearing)

Donald Lynch Blvd. (Map 50, Parcel 7B of the Zoning Assessor's Maps) - New England Development LLC.

At the applicants request this item was continued to the next meeting August 24th.

Notice of Intent (Continuation of Public Hearing)

The City of Marlborough Dept. of Public Works

Proposes to install a new drainage culvert and drainage pipe along Glen St. to alleviate existing flooding problems. At the applicants request this item was continued to the next meeting August 24th.

Notice of Intent (Continuation of Public Hearing)

Rte. 20 and Glen St. - Marlborough/Northborough Land Realty Trust

Proposes to construct a retail store with associated parking utilities and drainage next to a wetland area. At the corner of Glen St. & Rte. 20. At the applicants request this item was continued to the next meeting August 24th.

Review Draft Orders of Conditions

- DEP 212-999 771 Donald Lynch Blvd. - Aggregate Industries – The Commission reviewed the draft Order of Conditions for this project and voted 4-0 to issue the Order of Conditions as drafted and amended.
- DEP 212-1001 679 Stevens St. - Lisa Colleton- The Commission reviewed the draft Order of Conditions for this project and voted 4-0 to issue the Order of Conditions as drafted.

Certificates of Compliance

- DEP 212-920 212 Reservoir St. - As the site is now stable, the Commission voted 4-0 to issue a full Certificate of Compliance for this lot.

Extension Permit

- DEP 212-848 600 & 800 Nickerson Rd. (Lots 6 & 8) - Marlborough Corporate Place. As this project has not yet started, and the rules and regulations have not changed, the Commission voted 4-0 to issue a one year extension for this project.

Correspondence/Other Business

The following correspondence was unanimously accepted and the vote was to place it on file unless noted otherwise:

- Ltr. to Commissioner LaFreniere - Trail connection through cemetery land and Mt. Ward.
- Ltr. from Dept. of Conservation & Recreation (DCR), dated July 6, 2006 RE: Terra Firma Technical Bulletin series.
- Ltr. from Phyllis Grella dated July 12, 2006 RE: Concerns about Ft. Meadow
- Ltr. from Gloria Dzigas dated Sept. 6, 2006 RE: Ft. Meadow weed control
- Ltr. to Adam Manning, dated July 21, 2006 RE: Eagle Scout Project - Storm Drain Markers - Sudbury Reservoir Watershed
- Ltr. to Bob Miola, dated July 24, 2006 RE: Eagle Scout Project - Desert Natural Area Conservation Land
- Ltr. from Central Mass. Mosquito Control Project, dated July 27, 2006 RE: CMMCP Water Mgt. Job #155 (2 Minehan Ln.) The Commission asked Ms. Ryder to send a letter asking that they take the dredge material and place it well away from the pond embankment and stabilize it, so it does not reenter the pond.

Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Ryder
Conservation Officer