

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

March 5, 2009

Memorial Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, City Hall

**Members Present:** Edward Clancy-Chairman, David Williams, Lawrence Roy, John Skarin, Dennis Demers, Michele Higgins and Priscilla Ryder-Conservation Officer;

**Absent:** Allan White,

**Approval of Minutes: February 5, 2009** - The Commission reviewed and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of Feb. 5, 2009

**Public Hearing(s)**

Notice of Intent (Continuation of Public Hearing)

177 Maple St. – 175 Maple St. L.L.C.

As the applicant still needs to make changes to the plan to comply with zoning they asked by e-mail that the meeting be continued to the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. The meeting was continued.

Notice of Intent (Continuation of Public Hearing)

785 Boston Post Rd. – PRTR, Inc. c/o Waste Management of Mass., Inc. and Donald Wright Bob Magnusson of Waste Management Inc., Bill Goodman P.E. of Brown and Caldwell (B&C) spoke. Also present were Donald Wright, and Mark Allenwood from B&C, and several other Waste Management Inc. managers.

Mr. Goodman explained that he had meet with City Engineer Tom Cullen and has made changes to the plans based on his comments. Major changes shown on the revised plan dated: 2-24-09 included: moving work outside of buffer zone except for the outfall area, inclusion of an earth berm within the detention area and removing the jersey barriers, increasing the width of the berm around the basin to allow maintenance access, adding fencing with gates, a tree and shrub planting plan for the area in the buffer zone to be disturbed.

The Commission asked questions regarding: Soil removal and testing, excess soil placement, planting plan, removal of old auto parts that exist on the slopes, erosion controls and construction sequencing practices.

They also requested information about the testing requirements and how they will be monitored and adjusted. Mr. Goodman explained that much of this information is in the new submittal provided. He reviewed the planting plan, construction sequencing narrative, explained the flow path and “cleaning” the detention basin would do. After much discussion the meeting was continued to the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting in order to get input from the City Engineer Tom Cullen. If Mr. Cullen is set with the plans prior to the

next meeting the Commission would entertain a draft set of Conditions from Ms. Ryder to include items above and others deemed necessary.

### **Discussion**

- SuAsCo – Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area-Memorandum of Understanding, dated 2/5/2009 - The Commission reviewed this document and voted unanimously 6-0 to join. There was a question on what form to sign; Ms. Ryder will clarify for the next meeting.
- Municipal Yearly Operational Plan for 2009 – from Chris White, dated Jan. 29, 2009  
The Commission accepted this document and placed on file.

### **Correspondence/Other Business**

The Commission reviewed the following correspondence and agreed to accept and place on file and take actions as noted:

- Letter from Temple Emanuel of Marlborough, dated January 11, 2009, RE: In the matter of Temple Emanuel, Docket No 99-139, File No 212-711, Marlborough, MA. This item now should be referred to the City Solicitor to see if the property can be taken for tax title.
- Letter to Adam Gowaski (Eagle Scout), dated Feb. 5, 2009, RE: Eagle Scout Project Completion, Marlborough boardwalk reconstruction – Holts Grove Conservation Land
- Letter from Anonymous, dated Feb. 15, 2009 RE: 643 Stevens St. Ms. Ryder and Ms. Wilderman will investigate this complaint and provide an update.
- Letter from Knox Trail Council, dated Feb. 22, 2009 RE: Boy Scouts of America celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of service...Any project we should target? The Commission suggested several projects Ms. Ryder will talk to DPW to see if they are viable and then get back to the Knox Trail Council.
- Salt issue – Several Commission members noted that the salt use on city streets seems to be in excess of what is needed. This creates problems for adjacent vegetation, corrodes catch basin structures, and weakens roadways, and impacts water quality. Low salt areas don't appear to be getting low salt especially Boundary St. Robin Hill and around Lake Williams. Trucks are emptying out excess salt on the roads rather than unloading it back in the shed. The Commission will send a letter to the DPW Commissioner on this.

**Meetings** – Next Conservation Commission meetings are March 19<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 (Thursdays)

### **Adjournment**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Priscilla Ryder**  
**Conservation Officer**