

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

June 17, 2010 (Thursday)  
Memorial Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, City Hall

Members Present: Edward Clancy-Chairman, David Williams, Allan White, John Skarin,  
and Priscilla Ryder-Conservation Officer

Absent: Dennis Demers, Michele Higgins, Lawrence Roy

7:00 P.M.

**Presentation:**

Bridge Project at Desert Conservation Land:

Hunter Loveland –a boy scout presented a proposal to construct a small foot bridge at the Desert Conservation Land along Old Concord Rd. where beavers have blocked the culvert. Certain times of year the path is not passable without getting ones feet wet. He will also be borrowing some weed wrenches to remove the invasive glossy buckthorn from the area. Mr. Loveland explained that he is scheduling the project for July or August. He is with troupe 41 and expects to get quite a few volunteers. He will be getting some of the wood donated from Lamsons and Sons in Hudson. The Commission commended Mr. Loveland on a great design and wished him luck on his project.

**Public Hearings**

Request for Determination of Applicability

46 Settlers Lane - Gerson D. Clarke

Mr. Clarke, the owner, explained that he wanted to extend the deck at ground level and add a 16'x24' deck in the back yard of his exclusive use area. He explained that he will be 30' from the closest point to the wetland. The deck will be supported by sona tubes, all work is within the grass area, no trees or shrubs are to be disturbed. He has a small child and wanted to build a deck that could be gated to prevent his child from running out into the wetland area. The Commission looked at the plans submitted with the RDA. The Commission closed the hearing and voted unanimously 4-0 to issue a negative Determination with the standard conditions: 1) notify Conservation Officer before work begins and again upon completion for a site inspection, 2) removal all excess soil from the sona tube holes from the site; and 3) if machinery is to be used, please contact the Conservation Officer to discuss and receive approval before any work is done.

Amend Notice of Intent (DEP 212-998) – Continuation of Public Hearing

714 Farm Rd. - Robert Valchuis

(Allan White abstained from this discussion due to a conflict of interest.)

The Commission reviewed the draft Amended Order of Conditions. However, without a quorum of 4 voting members, the Commission continued the hearing and will review the Order at the next meeting on July 1, 2010.

Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (Continuation of Public Hearing)

93 Framingham Rd. - Melanson Development Group, Inc.

Requesting a review and confirmation of the Bordering Vegetated Wetland boundary located on the site. At the applicants' request, due to some internal delays, this item was continued to the July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Amend Notice of Intent (Continuation – Minor amendment)

DEP 212-1060 – Post Road Auto Parts (Draft Order)

At the last hearing the Commission had indicated they wanted to get the OK from the City Engineer before closing the hearing. Ms. Ryder indicated she had confirmation from Tom Cullen the city engineer that he had no problems with the plans as submitted. The Chairman closed the hearing and the Commission reviewed a copy of the draft Order of Conditions. The Commission voted unanimously 4-0 to issue the draft Order of Conditions as written and amended.

**Discussion:**

- Zoning Board of Appeals – Variance request for parking expansion under the Water Supply Protection District and Lot Coverage – 121 Northboro Rd., Colonial Health Group Westridge LLC. Ms. Ryder showed the Commission the plans; they indicated that the site needs to improve water quality. Ms. Ryder indicated she would draft some comments as they relate to the Water Supply Protection District.
- Rawchuck Land/Shoestring Hill– Subdivision Plan – Planning Board hearing June 28<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Ryder showed the Commission the subdivision plan being presented to the Planning Board. The Commission noted that filing to determine the exact location of the wetlands now should be required before the Planning Board determines buildable lots. Ms. Ryder will draft a letter to the Planning Board for the Chairman's review and signature.
- Wal-Mart Expansion Hudson – Ms. Ryder provided plans she received from the Hudson Conservation Commission regarding the expansion of their building on Rte. 85. As shown the expansion is to the east of the site and not towards The Grove Conservation Land. Ms. Ryder spoke to the Hudson Conservation Commission administrator who indicated water quality improvements have been included in the design.
- Project updates –
  - Mauro Farm contractors have called and said they will begin construction soon
  - Dicenso Blvd. detention basin- repairs are to be made and erosion controls to be removed, it is almost complete,
  - Desert Area – Forest Stewardship Plan is almost complete and a final draft has been provided for comment.
  - DPW repair project at Holts Grove, 7 Cullinane and Brigham St. are under consideration, will likely need Emergency Certificates and are seeking FEMA funding.

**Correspondence:**

The following items of correspondence were reviewed and voted to place on file.

- Letter from Soughan Valley Engineering, Inc., dated May 24, 2010 RE: Retaining wall evaluation – 186 Reservoir St.
- Forest Cutting Plan and Notice of Intent under M.G.L. – Broad Meadow St.
- Forest Cutting Plan and Notice of Intent under M.G.L. – Marlborough State Forest off Concord Rd. (Both cutting plans are just the final report on these two cuts that were done several years ago- no new cuts are proposed at this time)

**Adjournment** - There being no further items the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted;

Priscilla Ryder  
Conservation Officer