

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MINUTES

June 3, 2010 (Thursday)
Memorial Hall, 3rd Floor, City Hall

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

Absent: Dennis Demers, David Williams, and Allan White,

7:00 PM meeting began

Public Hearings

Request for Determination of Applicability

153 Wayside Inn Rd. – John Lacerra

To construct an above ground pool within 100 ft. of wetlands.

Mrs. Kathleen Lacerra was present and requested a permit to install an above ground pool. The area is already a lawn and no trees would need to be removed, however some minor grading to flatten the yard will be required. The work is 30+ feet away from the wetland. Ms. Ryder confirmed that she had inspected the site and found no issues of concern. Mrs. Lacerra also noted that she'd like to remove 2-3 large pine trees behind the house that are leaning towards the house. The Commission determined that the pool and tree removal would not impact the wetland. The hearing was closed and the Commission voted unanimously 4-0 to issue a negative Determination with standard conditions to include. 1) Notification of Conservation Officer before and after work is complete; 2) installation of erosion controls if necessary and removal of 2-3 trees behind the house.

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

714 Farm Rd. - Robert Valchuis

Proposes to amend the approved plans for the over 55 Condo Project by relocating 2 units to the rear of the site and converting the open surface detention basin to an underground detention system.

At the applicants request prior to the meeting, the Commission continued this hearing to the June 17th meeting.

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 prior to the meeting, the Commission continued this hearing to the June 17th meeting.

Amend Notice of Intent (Continuation – Minor amendment)

DEP 212-1060 – Post Road Auto Parts

Re-design of storm water drainage system at 785 Boston Post Rd. near wetlands.

Jean Rabelo, of Post Road Auto Parts, explained that they have a revised plan entitled Storm Drainage Improvement – Sheets 1 thru 5, 785 Boston Post Rd. Marlborough, MA 01752, Prepared by Relco Engineering, Signed and stamped by Patrick Sylvander and Peter A. Munk P.E. Dated 4/15/2010, Signed 5/11/2010, which addresses the drainage issues discussed previously, regarding drainage, infiltration and swale design. Ed Clancy read the letter from the project engineer explaining the new drainage design. There will be two separate pipes leaving the site one from Post Road Auto Parts and the second from Waste Management PRTR. Chairman Clancy asked for the City Engineer Tom Cullen's comments before closing the hearing to ensure he agrees with the revised plan. Ms. Ryder indicated she would share the new plan with him and get his comments prior to the next meeting. The Commission continued the hearing to June 15th and asked that a draft Order be provided at that meeting as well. Ms. Ryder indicated she'd provide same.

Presentation

- Community Preservation Act (CPA) presentation by Karin Paquin and Barbara Early.

Both Barbara Early, president of the Marlborough CPA and Karin Paquin a member of MCPA were present and provided a power point overview of the Community Preservation Act and the benefits it would provide to a community like Marlborough. They explained that it is a charge on a tax bill that is set aside to pay for open space, recreation land, historic preservation and affordable housing. The presentation took 20 minutes. The Commission asked questions about how much would be charged to a tax bill and it amounts to \$50+ for the average household. Ms. Higgins said she expected it to be much more, and thought it was a great idea. Mr. Clancy also said he liked the idea and was supportive of it. Mr. Skarin and Mr. Roy also indicated they were in favor of the proposal. The Commission thanked Ms. Paquin and Mrs. Early for their time and indicated they would provide a letter from the Commission lending support to this CPA effort.

Certificates of Compliance

- DEP 212-748 and 212-695 635 Stow Rd. - Ms. Ryder indicated that the site is fine, however some deed language is still forth coming, and the lawyers indicated they'd have the deed language in the next day or two. The Commission voted unanimously 4-0 to issue a full Certificate of Compliance for both the subdivision and individual house Orders of Conditions for this lot and asked Ms. Ryder to hold it until deed language was provided.
- DEP 212-60 6 Turner Ridge Rd. (Lot 28) - Ms. Ryder explained that this house was being sold and apparently no Certificate of Compliance was ever issued on this very old lot. She indicated she inspected the lot and the wetlands have been

protected over the years. The commission voted unanimously 4-0 to issue a full Certificate of Compliance for this lot.

- DEP 212-1070 Detention basin I – off of DiCenzo Blvd. & Settlers Lane- There is still some work to be done at the detention basin, including removal of erosion control and stabilizing around the headwalls. Also, confirmation from the City Engineer Tom Cullen is required. Ms. Ryder will convey to Fafard Real Estate Development Inc. that when these items are completed the request for Certificate can be reconsidered.

Correspondence/Other Business

- Purple Loosestrife beetles – ideas for release locations – SVT has worked with Marlborough High School to raise beetles and now needs areas, 1 acre or more, of purple loosestrife for release - The Commission discussed several locations including, Shoestring Hill, Sudbury Reservoir area, or Shaunessey Land off Pleasant St. along sewer line. Ms. Ryder will investigate and provide a location for SVT to release the beetles. The Commission indicated that any release area was acceptable to them as long as the land owner was also in agreement.
- Ft. Meadow weed survey update- The weed survey for Ft. Meadow will be conducted on Friday June 4th if anyone wants to join.
- Flood repair projects to be done by DPW shortly:
 1. Review Emergency Certificates for Holts Grove Pond outlet repair;
 2. Brigham St. culvertsThe Commission requested that Tom Temple provide more information about these repairs for the next meeting.
- “Pulling together grant”- The Sudbury Valley Trustees will be submitting a grant for application for the control of invasive plants including the phragmites that is growing in the wetland next to Old Concord Rd. near the old Beaver Dam. Suggested control of the invasive plants has been with herbicide.

The following correspondence was reviewed and voted to accept and place on file:

- Letter to Steve Flynn, Sepracor, dated May 26, 2010 RE: Tree and vine maintenance in wetland area.
- Letter from Knox Trail Council, dated May 1, 2010 RE: 2010 Hudson Marlborough Good Scout Award Dinner
- Letter to Desi Manousarides, dated May 27, 2010 RE: Wetland violation - \$25, Fill near wetland area without permit at 159 Langelier Lane

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Ryder
Conservation Officer