

**City of Marlborough  
Conservation Commission  
Minutes**

**January 7, 2010 (Thursday)  
Marlborough City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor-Memorial Hall**

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

**Absent:** none

**7:00 PM**

**Discussions:**

- DEP 212-1060 785 Boston Post Rd. - Waste Management Transfer Station and Post Road Auto.

Bob Magnuson and Bill Sepiol for Waste Management Inc. and Bill Goodman the engineer from Brown and Caldwell were present. Mr. Magnuson explained that last year the plans were approved, they bid on the construction, did test pits to determine subsurface conditions and encountered some hazardous materials. Then there was a dispute on who would be responsible for the cleanup.

They did install the trench drain and holding tank near the transfer building ramp. However, no further work has progressed. They are still pumping into the jute chute and flock log mix. It isn't as effective in the winter time, but they will continue to run it.

Their new proposal is to add an awning over the ramp since that seems to be the area of primary concern for runoff and drippings from the trucks. The Commission noted they'd need a building permit for that. Mr. Goodman explained that they would also need an Operation & Maintenance Plan (O &M Plan) to keep the ramp clean with sweeping etc.

The trench drain and tank are installed with an alarm system on the tank as an alert if the tank gets full. The trench pitch into the tank is ½ % and they are proposing to add a detention basin to provide some treatment to the system. They may propose an additional trench drain at the bottom of ramp if needed. The roof over the ramp should help to reduce the runoff loads off the ramp. They will continue to monitor the tank to see how quickly it fills up.

The jute chute has been working and the oil water separator tank was last pumped in Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>. At the channel, it read 38 NTU, at the top before treatment it was reading at 100 NTU, so it is still working. The lines were last cleaned on Oct. 2008. The Commission asked that these be checked and cleaned again.

Mr. Wright talked about his parcel and said they have hired Richard Lavengood PE of Environmental Consultant. Mr. Lavengood explained that he has done work on pollution prevention programs for auto salvage yards. He provided a letter he'd

written to Donald Wright on January 5, 2010. The issues of concern he explained were: 1) mud, silt from the gravel area and 2) oil from cars. To address these items, he is proposing to add crushed stone to the travel areas and adding a new oil water separator before the water discharges to the stream.

He provided the calculations and design for a proposed tank; he will consult with Tom Cullen to determine what size is needed and what type of storm to design it to. The disassembled racks have a high area of contamination; so these will be moved under cover in the building. 4-5 cars are disassembled each day removing all liquids etc. They recycle everything from the mercury switches and ABS breaks. The good thing about separating the storm water from Post Road Auto Parts and Waste Management Inc. is that there will be two separate sampling points.

The Commission asked when the plans would be complete for formal review. Mr. Lavengood indicated that he expected it to be by Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

After some discussion about the number of tons of trash transferred each day (200 tons) and about trucking wet materials, the Commission agreed to continue to meeting to February 4<sup>th</sup>.

- DEP 212-1070 DiCenzo Blvd. Detention Basin  
An update on the status of the Operation and Maintenance Plan for the detention basin. Ms Ryder noted that no plans have been submitted to date per the Order of Conditions. The Commission said that fines should be issued daily if nothing is submitted by January 21<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Ryder will let the Fafard Real Estate Co. know.

### **Correspondence/Other Business**

The following correspondence was reviewed and the Commission voted to accept and place on file.

- Letter from Nationalgrid, dated December 11, 2009 RE: New England Power Co. and/or Mass. Electric Company, to selectively apply herbicides along power line right of way, as detailed in the Nationalgrid's Five Year Vegetation Mgt. Plan.
- The new ethics reform law requires all city employees, including volunteer employees to read and sign the forms. The Commission members said they would.

**Meetings** – Next Conservation Commission meetings on January 21<sup>st</sup> and February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 (Thursdays)

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Ryder  
Conservation Officer