

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MINUTES

August 19, 2010
Memorial Hall, 3rd Floor, City Hall

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

Absent: Dennis Demers, Lawrence Roy, and Allan White

Public Hearing

Request for Determination of Applicability

9 Shanes Lane - Wendy Tartarini

Proposes to install a 12 ft. x 16 ft. shed near the wetlands.

Charles Davis was present and explained he wanted to install a 16 x 12 shed in the back yard near the wetlands. He showed the Commission a sketch he had drawn and submitted with the Request for Determination (RDA). The shed will be on sona tubes in the ground, all excess materials will be used as back fill. Ms. Ryder noted that the measurements in the field and on the as-built plan indicate the shed will need to be moved forward away from the wetland in order to meet the 20' setback policy. Mr. Davis agreed.

There being no further discussions, the Commission closed the hearing and voted unanimously 4-0 to issue a negative Determination with the condition that the applicant needs to restake the shed location and receive approval from the Conservation Officer before installation.

Certificate of Compliance

- DEP 212-1070 Detention Basin I – off of DiCenzo Blvd. & Settlers Ln.

Don Seaburg of Benchmark Engineering was present and explained that they had added some additional stones to the inlet structures into the basin and he requested that the Commission issue a Certificate of Compliance. Ms. Ryder noted that the Engineering Dept. was still not satisfied with these outfall areas and required additional stones. Mr. Seaburg requested that the deficiencies be put in writing, so they can address them before the Sept. 2nd meeting. The Commission agreed. Ms. Ryder will send a letter after discussing with Engineering Dept.

Ratify Emergency Certificates

During the spring and summer there were two wash out problems needing immediate attention. Emergency Certificates were issued for both these problems. The Commission voted unanimously 4-0 to ratify both of the following Emergency Certificates.

- 2 Minehan Lane – Drain easement
- 7 Cullinane Dr. – Washout of driveway

Extension Permit

- DEP 212-997 Regency at Assabet Ridge – Crowley Dr. – one year extension
The Commission reviewed the letter provided by Toll Brothers requesting an extension for the above Order of Conditions. Some minor work to clean out the detention basin and adjust the outlet structure is still needed. This will be done when the majority of construction work on the site is completed. The Commission voted unanimously y 4-0 to issue a one year extension for this Order of Conditions.

Updates/Other Business

- Holts Grove - Ms. Ryder noted that the DPW will be mobilizing in a few weeks to remove the sand deposits within the pond, spread it out on the parking area, and then repair the dam. Mr. Clancy asked that this be made a priority since this has been pending for quite some time. Ms. Ryder will talk to the DPW.

Discussion

- Forest Management Plan for Desert Natural Area Conservation Land - The Commission was provided with a summary of the Forest Management Plan for the Desert and looked at the maps relative to vegetated areas cover on the property. One suggestion in the plan is to manage the property and adjacent SVT and Sudbury Conservation Land to promote the pitch pine/ scrub oak habitat. The Commission noted that there is no funding available from the City of Marlborough to advance this, but if grant funding is available they might consider it.

Correspondence

The following letters were reviewed and the Commission voted 4-0 to accept and place on file.

- Letter to Hunter Loveland (Eagle Scout) – dated August 5, 2010, RE: Eagle Scout Project Completed, Desert Conservation Land Bridge project.
- Letter from OAR, dated Aug. 6, 2010, RE: OAR's 24th Annual River Cleanup – Sept. 11, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.
- Letter from massDOT, dated Aug. 5, 2010 RE: 21 Day Notice of Spraying – Poison Ivy along Rte. 20 at I-495.

Adjournment - There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Ryder – Conservation Officer