

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

December 16, 2010  
Memorial Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, City Hall  
7:00 P.M.

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

**Absent:** Michele Higgins and Allan White

**Public Hearings - None**

**Certificates of Compliances**

- DEP 212-246 (Subdivision Order), 212-299 (House Lot) and 212-491 (Pool) 54 Stacy Road (Orchard Hill Estates) – Full Certificates  
The Commission reviewed all three requests for Certificates for this property. They voted unanimously, 5-0 to issue a Full Certificate of Compliance for DEP 212-246; 212-299 and DEP 212-490.
- DEP 212-1018 – Maple Street sewer pump station – Fairfield Development – Full Certificate  
The Commission reviewed the planting plan pictures and Ms. Ryder reported she'd done a site inspection with Bernie Raftery, the consultant and all looks fine. The Commission voted unanimously, 5-0 to issue a Full Certificate of Compliance for DEP 212-1018.

**Extension Permits**

The Commission reviewed the following requests for Extension Permits. (For the Boivin Dr. lots Dennis Demers abstained completely from this discussion since he has a conflict of interest)

- DEP 212-1032 73 Boivin Dr. (Lot 9) – Bette Davis Estates – 3 yrs. Extension  
Ms. Ryder reported that this house has been completed; the remaining work to be done is the landscaping. The Commission voted 4-0 (Mr. Demers abstained) to approve a three year extension, but to request the owner to finish the landscaping the summer of 2011 and get a Certificate of Compliance.
- DEP 212- 1033 63 Boivin Dr. (Lot 10) – Bette Davis Estates – 3 yrs. Extension  
Mr. Ryder reported that this house is currently under construction. They are installing a geothermal system and may be back before the Commission to discuss changes; if they are needed. The Commission voted 4-0 (Mr. Demers abstained) to approve a three year extension for this permit.
- DEP 212-824 Cedar Hill St. - Signature Park (also known as Crane Meadow Corporate Center) Boston Properties.  
This project falls under the new “automatic permit extension” law. A letter from Boston Properties explained their understanding of the rules. The Commission concurred, and

voted to send a letter back to Boston Properties acknowledging receipt and concurrence with the letter that this permit is now automatically extended to April 5, 2011.

**Correspondence/Other Business:**

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

- Temporary Use Permit Document entitled “A Temporary Use Permit to Allow Scott Burris (Burco Inc.) to Use a Certain Parcel of Marlborough City Land for a Landing Area for DCR Timber sale Permit No. 6024” signed by Priscilla Ryder on 11/29/2010.
- The Permit Extension Act – November 2010 – Frequently Asked Questions

**Discussion**

- Conservation Land Management  
Ms. Ryder explained that she has been having discussion with several different people about various conservation land management projects as follows:
  - Elm Street – Felton Conservation Land Management – Linda Butler, a dedicated volunteer who has tirelessly worked to keep the fields open at the Felton Conservation Land, has offered to provide some funds to the Commission for field restoration if the Commission would match or exceed her funds. A proposal to clear three areas along the field edge was reviewed, each with varying estimated costs. One of the fields would cost \$3,200 to clear the trees along the edge to a point that it can be mowed, by the farmer who has a license agreement to cut hay and keep the fields open. The Commission agreed that up to \$1,600 of the Conservation Maintenance Fund could be used for this purpose and asked Ms. Ryder to inform Ms. Butler of this decision.
  - Concord Rd. – Desert Conservation Land Management- as discussed at a previous meeting with Laura Mattie from the Sudbury Valley Trustees, Ms. Ryder explained that SVT has an Americor Volunteer who will be working on some education and outreach about land management and habitat protection on their portion of the SVT Desert/Memorial forest property. In this effort, they are offering to expand this educational effort onto the Marlborough Desert Conservation Land property as well. Especially as it relates to a possible prescribed burn to restore the pitch pine scrub oak forest type which habitat that is disappearing. The Commission noted that there is no funding as of yet on the Marlborough side to support any type of land management, so before doing education on it, it would be good to see what sources of funding might be available, since there isn't any from the Commission's budget. Also Dennis Demers requested information about whether the Tennessee Gas line folks would allow prescribed burns over their pipeline. Since that is right in the middle of the proposed burn location that could kill the project if it is not permitted. Ms. Ryder will find out some answers. The Commission continued this discussion to the next meeting.

- Stow Rd. – Cider Knoll, Mello Family Meadow – Community Garden idea and field maintenance. Ms. Ryder will provide additional information for the next meeting.
- **Project Updates**
  - Mauro Farm off Cook Lane (212-1016) – subdivision. Ms. Ryder noted that there was a violation after the last rain event. She will be meeting with the contractor on Friday and wanted to confirm with the Commission that a violation notice and ticket were appropriate. The Commission discussed the violation and voted unanimously to issue a \$100 fine and require additional mitigation be added to the site to avoid the problem again.

**Meetings**

- Next Conservation Commission meetings – January 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (Thursday)
- List of 2011 Conservation meetings attached.

Ms. Ryder noted that the conflict of interest law acknowledgement must be signed and returned to the City Clerks' office. All members present signed it and provided it to Ms. Ryder to deliver.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Ryder  
Conservation Officer