

**City of Marlborough
Conservation Commission
Minutes
February 4, 2010 (Thursday)
Marlborough City Hall, 3rd Floor-Memorial Hall**

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

Absent: Michele Higgins,

7:00 PM

Discussion

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

Both Waste Management Inc. and Post Road Auto were present to provide updates. They had explained that the project has been divided into two separate projects; the Waste Management Inc. team went first and described what they were doing:

Mr. Bennet from Waste Management Inc. was present and said they have a new plan showing some changes to the original plan that was approved. Mr. Bill Goodman from Brown and Caldwell, the project engineer, was present and presented a set of new plans, including the draft design and the supporting calculations. He provided new Sheets 1 & 2 which is clearer to read than the versions the Commission had received prior to the meeting.

Mr. Goodman gave an overview of the revised plans. The stormwater management system includes a detention infiltration basin on the Waste Management portion of the site. It is a similar design to the original plan, but smaller. He has met with Tom Cullen, City Engineer on Feb. 2nd and noted that he thought it was a good design as well. The Commission discussed the need for an implementation/sequencing plan and ongoing maintenance needs. They also asked about coordination of this project with Post Road Auto Parts. Mr. Goodman said they had discussions with Mr. Wright who is comfortable with the proposal. Mr. Wright will be installing a berm and swale around the Waste Management Inc. site. Mr. Goodman explained that there would be a stand pipe in the detention basin outlet until the site was stable and that this would all drain into the existing oil water separator tank which will remain on the Post Road Auto property. They will also be adding a canopy over the existing ramp with gutters. The gutters will flow into two subsurface infiltrators with an overflow. The detention basin will be located where the resident drop off center exists today. There will be a guardrail around the detention basin. This new design does meet the storm water requirements.

They are now scheduled to go to Site Plan Review for a permit, and then file for a DEP application; they hope to begin this summer. The Commission noted that the work will need to be coordinated with the existing operation and must continue to pump and treat the stormwater discharge until this new system is on line. They also explained that as proposed no work from the Waste Management Inc. site is within the wetlands jurisdiction and therefore, no further filing with the Commission would be needed. The Commission concurred.

The Commission asked what would happen in the event of a spill. Peter Richer, the Waste Management Inc. area engineer explained that the fire department is called and takes control. Most instances are dealt with on a case by case basis depending on the spill situation.

Some of the existing piping is to be abandoned and removed when the new drainage system is installed. The detention basin will be stabilized and wetland plants will be added to the bottom of the basin. No snow dumping is permitted in the basin.

Next, Post Road Auto's engineer and representatives explained their part of the picture. Richard Lavengood, the project engineer for Post Road Auto said they were working to address their part of the drainage from this site. He presented a letter he had submitted to Tom Cullen, city's engineer, dated Feb. 3, 2010 which outlined the types of contaminates they expected from this site including total suspended solids and total petroleum hydrocarbons. He explained that they needed a two month lead time on ordering the tank. The Commission asked where the hazardous materials were in relation to where the tank was being installed. Mr. Wright indicated it was in the other side of the site, but noted this would be included on the plans. Mr. Lavengood stated the soil borings indicated 12 ft. with no ledge or water, so installation of the tank should be fine, they are looking into several tank designs and were considering a steel tank. The Commission cautioned against steel due to corrosion. Swales and perhaps a small detention area will also be part of the design, but they haven't finalized it yet. As work will involve the installation of a new discharge pipe and reconstruction of the outlet swale, they asked if they could file for an amendment to the existing plans. The new plans will have much less impact in the wetland area than the original plans. The Commission agreed. Mr. Wright indicated that they would file on March 4th or 18th depending on when the plans were completed.

- DEP 212-949 Ft. Meadow drawdown – When to close the gate Feb. 15th or March 1st, 2010? The Commission discussed the gate closure and decided that it would be o.k. to close the gate on March 1st this year. Ms. Ryder will inform the DPW of this schedule.
- Public Service announcement - Ms. Ryder noted that she has worked with the local access cable to produce a PSA regarding storm drains and storm water. It begins

airing this week. She will provide a CD version to the Commission; if they don't have a chance to catch it.

- DEP 212-1064 Westerly Waste Water Treatment Plant - they have an amendment to the plans to try and truck waste around the building. It may be within the 50 foot Water Supply Protection District a no disturb zone. The Commission said they should redesign it to be outside of this zone if possible. If not, they will need to file for a full amendment to the plans. Ms. Ryder will let them know.

Meetings – The Commission note that there would not be a quorum for the Feb. 18th meeting, so the Commissions next meeting will be March 4th, 2010.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Priscilla Ryder
Conservation Officer