

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MINUTES

**August 18, 2011 (Thursday)
Memorial Hall, 3rd Floor, City Hall**

Members Present: Edward Clancy-Chairman, Allan White, John Skarin, Lawrence Roy, and Michele Higgins. Also present was Priscilla Ryder-Conservation Officer

Absent: David Williams and Dennis Demers,

Approval of Minutes: The Commission reviewed and voted 5-0 to unanimously approve as written the minutes of June 2, June 16, July 7, and August 4, 2011

Public Hearing(s):

Request for Determination of Applicability (continued)

111 Neil St. - Italian American Club (ITAM). John Skarin abstained from this discussion due to a conflict of interest.

Dick explained again that the ITAM would like to clear the area around the grass overflow parking lot. They would like to remove some trees and shrub around the edges that are over grown around their grass over flow parking areas. They also want to install a vinyl fence 8' tall between their property and the abutter. He knows he'll need a variance for a fence that high. They will level off the area near the grass parking lot since it has lots of humps and bumps. They will remove invasive species vines that are killing the trees on the slope. They want to make the area a nice picnic area. The Commission said that before the trees are removed they'll need to consult with the Conservation Officer in the field. Ms. Ryder noted that some existing rail road ties are at the top of the slope and should mark the limit of work. After some discussion the Commission closed the hearing and voted unanimously 4-0 to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability with the conditions to notify the Conservation Officer before work begins, inspect trees in field before any work is done and to have the rail road ties mark the limit of work at the top of the slope.

Discussion and Other Business

- Sudbury and Foss Reservoirs Watershed 2010, Public Access Plan Update- March 2010 Draft- The Commission reviewed the plan and voted to accept and place on file.
- Project updates:
 - Mauro Farm- Ms. Ryder explained that there was lots of mud tracking on Cook Lane and they are still having issues with silt. The Commission required that the contractor come in at the next meeting if they are not under control.
 - Residents at Assabet Ridge- work in progress some silt issues have occurred.
 - Emergency Certificate- The city had a water main break at the Rte. 20 Dunkin Donuts across from Lake Williams. They needed to do work in the roadway to repair it. Ms. Ryder issued an emergency certificate after

consulting with Chairman Clancy. The commission voted 5-0 to ratify the Emergency Certificate.

- Violation at 656 Farm Rd. – Ms. Ryder explained that the owner had done work without a permit and she sent them a notice. The Commission asked that they come to the next meeting to discuss.
- Parameter Rd. - The logging operation on the state land is still underway. Ms. Ryder was asked to get an update on the timeline from the logger.

Meetings- Next Conservation Commission meeting are September 1 and 15, 2011

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Ryder
Conservation Officer