

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes

October 18, 2012 (Thursday)

Marlborough City Hall – 3rd Floor, Memorial Hall

7:00 PM

Members Present: - Edward Clancy – Chairman, John Skarin, David Williams, Lawrence Roy, and Priscilla Ryder-Conservation Officer

Absent: Michele Higgins, Allan White, and Dennis Demers

Public Hearings:

Request for Determination of Applicability

75 Framingham Rd. – Bryan Melanson

Proposal to connect a proposed house to the city sewer line behind the property near wetlands.

Scott Smyers of Oxbow Associates and Ed Melanson of Melanson Development Group, Inc. were present. Mr. Smyers explained that several years ago an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) was submitted for this property which identified the wetland boundary. Now they are requesting to tie into the sewer line at the back of this lot. The sewer manhole they need to tie into is within the 100' buffer zone to the wetland. They are proposing to place the erosion controls 51 feet away from the wetland around the work area. Once the line is in, they will stabilize the area with loam and seed. **The Commission determined this project as described to have minimal impact to the wetland and voted unanimously 4-0 to issue a Negative Determination with standard conditions.**

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62 Lacombe St. - 62 Lacombe Street Realty Trust

Proposes to add an addition to the building for storage, near wetlands.

Peter Bemis was present and represented the owners. A new company, Ultra Shine, is a car cleaning business. They are looking for some additional storage area. The design presented shows a new addition with a slab foundation, roof and walls. Although the area is already paved, the design includes an infiltration trench for recharge and to improve drainage. They will include an erosion control barrier during construction. They anticipate that the work will take 2-3 weeks and they would like the building in place and weather tight before winter. The Commission determined that as described, **this project would have no impact to the wetlands, and voted unanimously 4-0 to issue a Negative Determination with standard conditions.**

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120 Bartlett St. - RAM Development Companies Inc.

Proposes to reconstruct a driveway and add a loading dock to the existing building near wetlands.

Bradlee Mezquita from Tighe & Bond presented the plan. They are requesting permission to install a loading dock to accommodate a lab company who wants to rent this space. Based on site plan review discussion, they are changing the driveway configuration to accommodate the truck deliveries more safely. A very small portion of the work is within the 100' Buffer Zone including the loading dock pad and a small portion of the roadway. The Commission **reviewed the plans and determined that the work would not have an impact to the wetland and voted unanimously 4-0 to issue a Negative Determination with standard conditions.**

Notice of Intent (Continuation)

637 Sudbury St. - Richard Nardo

Proposes to construct a private road intended to provide access to three (3) single family dwellings (one of which is existing) and with associated utilities within the 100 ft. buffer to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

At the applicant's request, this hearing was continued to the Nov. 1st meeting until the Planning Board has had a chance to review and comment on the plans.

Extension Permit:

- DEP 212- 1016 Mauro Farm – Cook Lane Because work is still ongoing **the Commission voted unanimously 4-0 to issue a two year extension for this project.**

Certificate of Compliance:

- DEP 212-406 289 Farm Rd. This is an old file, the work is complete, and Ms. Ryder did an inspection. The house is being sold and it was discovered a Certificate of Compliance was never issued. **The Commission voted 4-0 to unanimously issue a full Certificate of Compliance for this project.**

Discussion:

- Project updates - Ms. Ryder provided an update on:
 - 61 Maurice Dr. - where the owner had added some piping to a drainage pipe near wetlands
 - Chase Rd. where the applicant has begun their back yard project which is going well
 - The Exxon Mobile site on Maple St. is decommissioning the cleanup recovery wells and is almost done.
- ENF (Environmental Notice Form) – Sudbury St. water and sewer project- The Commission was asked to review the ENF for the upcoming sewer and water project. Some work is proposed in or near wetlands as shown on the plans. In addition, some work will cross through an Estimated Habitat Area. Ms. Ryder has discussed this with the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species program (NHESP) and they have indicated that the corridor provided by a utility easement can, in some cases, be an improved habitat for the turtle that lives there, so it is possible to do this work. The Commission will be involved when the Notice of Intent (NOI) filing is made for this project.
- Desert Habitat Restoration Project – Public information meeting, Nov. 8, 2012, Site Walk Nov. 10, 2012. The Commission was encouraged to attend the public information meetings and site walk regarding the habitat restoration project to proceed early next year at the Desert Conservation Land.

Correspondence/Other Business:

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

- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day – Oct. 27, 2012 (Saturday) 9 AM-12 PM the Easterly Treatment Plant, 860 Boston Post Road East.
- Community Preservation Act & Bio Map 2 in Worcester County – Workshop Nov. 14, 2012 in Sterling, MA
- MACC Annual Calendar Fall 2012 – Summer 2013 and Fall Conference 2012 (Roads & Water: Maintenance & Protection)

- Invitation to Lake Williams Trail – grand opening – 4:30 PM on Oct. 18th (Thursday)

Meetings - Next Conservation Commission meetings-November 1st and 15th, 2012 (Thursdays)

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Ryder
Conservation Officer