

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes
August 2, 2012 (Thursday)
Marlborough City Hall – 3rd Floor, Memorial Hall
7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Edward Clancy-Chairman, John Skarin, Dennis Demers, and Michele Higgins (Priscilla Ryder-Conservation Officer)

Absent: David Williams, Allan White and Lawrence Roy

Recognition and Thanks to Reg Burgess: Chairman Clancy began the meeting by recognizing and thanking Reg Burgess who has volunteered his time, equipment and enthusiasm to the Conservation Commission's Cider Knoll Community Garden project. Mr. Clancy expressed the Commission's gratitude to Mr. Burgess for helping out so much and being such a wonderful partner in this endeavor. A small gift was presented to Mr. Burgess, who said he had a great time working on this project and offered to continue his help as needed.

Public Hearings:

Request for Determination of Applicability (Continue to Aug. 16, 2012)
3 Red Spring Rd. - The Inter-Colonial Club

Proposes to add sand to the lawn area near Ft. Meadow Reservoir.

At the applicants request this item was continued to the August 16, 2012 meeting.

Request for Determination of Applicability

City of Marlborough, Dept. of Public Works will perform paving and milling along Parmenter Rd. and Reservoir St. near wetlands.

Tom Cullen, City Engineer, was present and explained that they would be doing milling and resurfacing of both Parmenter Rd. and Reservoir St. both of which are near wetlands. The standard procedure of adding silt sacks in all catch basins and straw wattles as needed along the side of the roadway. On Parmenter Rd. there are 3 culvert crossings in these locations which straw wattles will be placed 100' on either side of the crossing. Both roads will be milled and swept immediately. Paving will follow within 30 days. The Commission wanted to be sure the streets were swept after the milling to ensure no siltation during the time before the road is repaved. Mr. Cullen assured the Commission this would be done. The Commission voted 4-0 to issue a Negative Determination with the standard conditions and those discussed above.

Request for Determination of Applicability

479 Hosmer St. - Vanderlando Pitol

Proposes to install an above ground pool with a deck near wetlands.

Mr. Pitol was present and explained that he wanted to install an above ground pool in his back yard. The location is 30' from the wetland boundary and on an existing lawn area. He had tried to find a location outside the 100' buffer zone, but would have had to cut

down some large trees. The Commission noted that all excess materials would need to be removed from the site. Any fencing would need to be outside the 20' buffer zone and the cartridge filter system was to be used. The Commission voted unanimously 4-0 to issue a Negative Determination with the standard conditions.

Notice of Intent (Continue to August 16th)
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 applicants request this item was continued to the August 16, 2012 meeting.

Certificates of Compliance

- DEP 212-958 274 Brigham St. – Continued from last meeting - Ms. Ryder noted that the deed language required had been provided and that they will install the wetland markers later this week. The Commission voted 4-0 to issue a Full Certificate of Compliance which will be held until Ms. Ryder verifies the wetland boundary markers have been installed.
- DEP 212-1066 340 Maple St. – Continued from last meeting - Ms. Ryder noted that the catchbasin have not been cleaned yet, but Mr. Hickey was going to have it done and will report when this is completed. The Commission voted 4-0 to issue a Full Certificate of Compliance with on-going conditions, which will be held until Ms. Ryder verifies the catch basin, has been cleaned.
- DEP 212-964 226 & 238 Berlin Rd. – Continued from last meeting - this item has not yet been finalized. The Commission continued this item until the information has been provided.

Discussion/ Other Business

- DCR – Forest Stewardship Grant – awarded - Ms. Ryder explained that the city received a \$12,000 grant award for the Habitat Restoration Project at the Desert. The Commission agreed that since it is now funded the project should move forward.
- Comprehensive Permit (40B) – Ames St. & Rte. 20 – Brookview Village – 243 Unit apartment rental community - Ms. Ryder showed the plans before the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to the Commission. The Commission reviewed the comments provided and gave input. Ms. Ryder will finalize comments and submit them to the ZBA on behalf of the Commission.
- DEP 212-1016 Mauro Farm - Ms. Ryder provided an update on this project.
- Forest Cutting Plan – Red Spring Rd. - a plan to do a forest cutting along Red Spring Rd. has been filed. The Commission requested that if there is a site walk, they would like to participate. Ms. Ryder will call the state forester to set this up.
- 175 Maple St. – Limits of clearing - Ms. Ryder met with the property manager for this property and they discussed the clearing needed to remove some dead trees and remove some invasives along the brook that runs through this property (former Design Pack). Ms.

Ryder found a “maintenance” plan which describes the work to be done. The Commission agreed this work could proceed according to the plan.

- Violation notices - Ms. Ryder reported that she has issued violation notices for 14 Union St. and 3 Red Spring Rd.
- EEE spraying - Ms. Ryder indicated that several of the Community Garden members were wondering if the Commission would restrict the state from spraying for EEE near the garden. The Commission decided that from a public health perspective they would not petition for a no spray zone, although they understood the concern from the gardeners about pesticides in the area.
- Lake Williams Trail - The trail is under construction and the DPW has requested that several “vistas” to the water be created. The Commission agreed this was minor and acceptable and asked Ms. Ryder to convey.
- Community Garden - Ms. Ryder reported that she is pursuing drilling a well and will report back to the Commission once that is set.
- MWRA aqueducts - Ms. Ryder noted that the MWRA is considering opening up their abandoned aqueducts to communities to allow trail links on them. This will provide great connectivity between communities and open spaces.

Correspondence/Other Business

The following correspondence was reviewed and the Commission voted unanimously to approve and place on file

- Vernal Pool Certifications – at Desert Natural Area - (post card & plan) - Ms. Ryder noted that someone had submitted a certification for several pools at the Desert which is great.
- Draft Regulations Coming Soon for Regulatory Reform Initiative

Meetings – Next Conservation Commission meetings – August 16th and Sept. 20th, 2012 (Thursdays)

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Ryder
Conservation Officer