

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
June 6, 2013 (Thursday)
Marlborough City Hall – 3rd Floor, Memorial Hall
7:00 PM**

Members Present: Edward Clancy-Chairman, Michelle Higgins, David Williams and John Skarin.
Also present was Priscilla Ryder-Conservation Officer.

Absent: Lawrence Roy, Dennis Demers, and Allan White

Public Hearings:

Request for Determination of Applicability

89 Blanchette Dr. – Donna & Timothy Daly

Mr. & Mrs. Daley and their contractor Troure of New England Enterprises were present. They propose to add some fill to re-grade the back yard and add some landscaping. They started collecting fill before they knew about the wetland issue, and are now before the Commission to get a permit for the work. Ms. Ryder explained that she'd been out to the site and flagged the wetland, which follows approximately the stone wall at the bottom of the hill. They can re-grade the yard and still stay out of the 20' buffer zone, but due to the steep hill, the Commission asked that they stay at least 30' from the wetland. A good amount of fill is needed to get the level area behind the house they are seeking. After some discussion, the Commission closed the hearing. The Commission voted unanimously 4-0 to issue a Negative determination with the standard conditions and to have the contractor meet with the Conservation Officer to mark out the 30' buffer zone prior to work, and that the site must be stabilized prior to removing the erosion controls.

Notice of Intent

148 Phelps St. – Matthew Arel

Matthew Arel, owner, Ken Strum and David Frank of Land Tech Consultants were present. Mr. Arel presented plans for this property which has recently been subdivided into a single family lot. The lot contains an old dilapidated pool, a river and bordering vegetated wetland. These have all been flagged and checked by Ms. Ryder. The house is located outside the 100' riverfront area. However, the pool is within the inner riparian zone. The pool is to be removed and the area loamed and seeded and stabilized when done. After much discussion about fill and grading necessary to make the lot buildable, the Commission closed the hearing. The Commission asked Ms. Ryder to draft an Order of Conditions for the next meeting on June 20th to include requirements for wetland markers, as- built plans and deed language as part of the standard conditions.

Certificate of Compliance:

- DEP 212-498 48 Taylor Rd. – Full Certificate
Ms. Ryder noted that there is some paper work that is still due before this request is complete. The Commission continued this to the next meeting.

Correspondence/Other Business:

- Summer Interns – discuss project list - Ms. Ryder explained that Colin Beaumont has been hired to work with us this summer. The Commission reviewed the project list provided and had no additions.
- Wal-Mart Enforcement t- Trash has been blowing into the city's conservation land from the Walmart site and into the Hudson side as well. The Hudson Conservation Commission has an open Order of Conditions that requires Walmart to do routine cleanup around their property. Therefore, the Hudson Commission has issued an Enforcement Order to get Walmart to do this work. Ms. Ryder will keep the Commission informed – a site visit is anticipated shortly.
- Chris White at the DPW has asked for a formal written protocol to follow for poison ivy control on conservation land. The Commission said this was a good idea and asked Ms. Ryder to draft something up for review.
- The code enforcement officer has brought to the Commission's attention that there are cars being parked near the brook at 311 Maple St. Ms. Ryder will investigate and report back to the Commission.
- Chairman Clancy explained that he would like to see the grass on the ARRT cut especially at the trail head on Lincoln St. Ms. Ryder will convey to the DPW.

Meetings – Next Conservation Commission meetings – June 20th and the Commission agreed to change the July 11th meeting to the July 18th, 2013 (Thursdays) since Ms. Ryder will be away. The Commission also agreed to hold the August meetings on Aug. 1 and 22 to accommodate vacations and ensure a quorum.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Ryder
Conservation Officer