

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

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

Absent: John Skarin and Dennis Demers

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of April 5, 2012 were reviewed and unanimously approved as written.

Public Hearings

Request for Determination of Applicability

85 Dean Rd. - Brian and Kathy Stevens

Brian Stevens was present and explained that he'd like to construct a 46' x 30' enclosed pool house at the rear of the house. The proposed addition will be approximately 60 ft. from the wetland. They will need to excavate for the pool and foundation and all excess material will be removed from the site. They may need to bring in fill according to his builder who was also present. Ms. Ryder noted that there is a bit of fill that has been piled up next to the brook that will need to be removed and the buffer zone restored. Accesses to the site and erosion controls were discussed. Dewatering methods will be used as necessary. After much discussion the Commission closed the hearing and voted 5-0 to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability with the following conditions: 1. Preconstruction meeting, 2. Keep site stable, 3. Install erosion controls as discussed; 4. Remove all excess soil; 5. Re-establish buffer zone remove fill next to brook, re-grade and add plantings to stabilize the stream bank.

Notice of Intent – Continuation

Sudbury St. - The City of Marlborough Dept. of Public Works

Proposes to expand the existing sanitary sewer to encompass the eastern side of Marlborough in the Sudbury Street area. In addition, the water line in Sudbury Street will be replaced. Some of this work is proposed through and near wetlands.

At the request of the applicant this item was continued to the March 21st meeting. A site visit was set for March 9 or 16th weather permitting. Members will hold these dates, Ms. Ryder will confirm.

Certificate of Compliance:

- DEP 212-499 60 Taylor Rd. – Ms. Ryder reported that she inspected the site and the as-built plans and all the conditions within the Order of Conditions have been met. The Commission voted unanimously 5-0 to issue a full Certificate of Compliance for this project with ongoing conditions as required.

Discussion

- 24 Hager St. – floodplain issue. Ms. Ryder explained that she is still waiting for the owner to provide more detailed information about the barn and the floodplain. No further work is to occur until this has been resolved.
- Raven Woods - subdivision plans submitted to Planning Board - the Commission received subdivision plans to review. Comments are due to the Planning Board if the Commission has any.
- SVT Earth Day Trail-a-thon – April 28th (Sunday) – see flyer - Ms. Ryder explained that this trail-a-thon sponsored by the Sudbury Valley Trustees will be using some of the trails at the Desert Natural Area as well. The Commission was OK with this.

Correspondence:

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

- DEP – Public Notice: Wetland/Waterway/Water Quality Regulations (revised)
- DEP 212-1086 Rescind Fine – Easterly Waste Water Treatment Plan Improvements

Other Business

- Emergency Certificate - 638 Pleasant St. – the owner of this home has a septic system that is failing and a pool that is collapsing and filled with stagnant water causing a problem with mosquitos. The Board of Health has asked that this be addressed promptly and the contractor contacted Ms. Ryder to discuss which she conveyed to the Commission. The Commission discussed this and since there was still some uncertainty about what was to be done now under an emergency and what will be done in the future with a formal filing. The Commission gave authorization to issue an Emergency Certificate if that was necessary, but also asked that the applicant formally file for a permit as well to cover all bases. Ms. Ryder will convey.
- Desert Natural Area - the mowing for the Desert habitat restoration area in Marlborough and Sudbury will begin next week. We have hired Vegetation Control Services Inc. to do the work and it should begin March 11th and take about 2 weeks to complete. Signage for trail users will go up over the weekend, so everyone is alerted and the trail through this area is blocked off. A meeting with the fire departments from Hudson, Marlborough and Sudbury as well as the Fire Warden is being held next week.

Meetings – Next Conservation Commission meetings March 21st and April 4th, 2013 (Thursdays)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Ryder

Conservation Officer