

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes

May 23, 2013 (Thursday)

Marlborough City Hall – 3rd Floor, Memorial Hall

7:00 PM

Members Present: Edward Clancy-Chairman, David Williams, John Skarin, Dennis Demers, and Allan White. Also present was Priscilla Ryder-Conservation Officer;

Absent: Michelle Higgins and Lawrence Roy

Public Hearings:

Request for Determination of Applicability

304 Mechanic St. - John Dundon

Mr. Dundon was present and explained that he would like to install a shed (10' x12') at the end of his driveway which is 25' from the wetland. Ms. Ryder flagged this small wetland to determine how close it could be. It will be a permanent shed anchored to the ground. The ground is level and no excavation is needed. The Commission discussed the shed and noted that as long as it was outside the 20' buffer zone and on the flat existing lawn/driveway area it would have no impact. The Commission voted 5-0 to issue a negative determination with no conditions.

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Bolton St. – Between Blaiswood Ave. & Hudson St. - The Marlborough DPW

Tim Collins, Assistant City Engineer, was present and said the city proposes to repair the sewer force main on a portion of Bolton St. They will be using a new technique where they will install a new liner into the old line. They will be digging near the pump chamber and dig to install the valves, but in between they would just be lining the pipe. A temporary pipe will be installed at the side of the road during construction. The only crossing will be at Hudson St. where it will be buried. They can line 500 feet of pipe at a time. Excavation will be minimal, but they will put up straw wattles near the wetland areas during this operation until it is stable. The Commission discussed the plans and agreed this would be less impact. The hearing was closed and the Commission voted unanimously 5-0 to issue a Negative Determination with standard conditions.

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Hosmer St. – Near Memorial Beach - The Marlborough DPW

Tim Collins, Assistant City Engineer, was present and said the city proposes to repair the sewer force main on a Hosmer St. As noted above, they will be using a new technique where they will install a new liner into the old line. They will be digging a trench in front of the pump chamber on Hosmer St. to make the connections. A temporary bypass will be installed by Jaworek School. There will be quite a few driveway crossings. This pipe carries a lot of sewerage and there is a lot of pressure at the bottom of the hill. The Commission asked if this issue has been addressed and how the bypass can handle it, given the numerous breaks already seen at this section of the pipe. They asked how it will be pumped up the hill in a reliable manner. Two pump station operators will oversee the project, Mr. Collins replied. The Commission was more concerned about this pipe replacement due to the capacity and force main pressure that has

caused issues. They wanted assurance that backup and contingency plans were in place. Erosion controls will be in place as shown on the plans. After some discussion, the Commission closed the hearing and voted 5-0 to issue a negative determination with the standard conditions and the following conditions: 1. Prior to construction the contractor chosen must explain in writing to the Commission how the temporary pipe will handle the pressure from the pipe; 2. Information from the contractor or manufacturer is needed prior to construction to determine how the lined pipe is to be repaired if it breaks- what is the process?

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Hudson St. - The Marlborough Dept. of Public Works

Tim Collins, Assistant City Engineer, was present and said the city proposes to reconstruct Hudson St. from Bolton St. to Union St. A small wetland is located on the bend of the road near Boston Scientific Way. The road will be milled and reconstructed. Erosion controls will include silt sacks and haybale/straw wattles. Most of the catch basin sumps on this street are shallow 2 ½' rather than the 4' sumps on new roadways. The project is not contemplating upgrading these at this time. All reclaimed materials are to be reused and any excess will be removed from the site. The Commission thought this was straight forward, and closed the hearing. The Commission then voted unanimously 5-0 to issue a negative determination with standard conditions.

Abbreviated Notice of Intent

107 and 114 Kelber Dr. - The Marlborough DPW

Tim Collins, Assistant City Engineer, explained that the planning board has pulled the bond for this street and the DPW will be finishing the final outstanding items on this subdivision. The work near wetland includes finishing the detention basin per the plan. Adding riprap at the outlet, cleaning the basin, adding a fence, removing the riser pipe and all the items as outlined on the plans submitted. All materials removed will be disposed of offsite. They will be using a bob cat for this work. The abutter, Dwight Howe, expressed concern about where access will be from and wanted to be sure it did not affect his FIOS cable. Mr. Demers asked if an as-built plan will be done for this, and the answer was yes that was part of the requirements in the bond, so an as-built plan will be submitted when it is completed. There being no further questions, the Commission closed the hearing. The Commission voted 5-0 to use a Standard Order of Conditions for this work.

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79 Chase Rd. - Laurel Terrasi

Laurel Terrasi and her husband and Mario Quintel of Landscape Endeavors were present. They propose to install an above ground pool and deck in their newly graded backyard. The pool will be 42 feet from the wetland. They will also be moving the shed. They will be adding a patio and deck area as well. They will be installing a crushed stone discharge area to put the backwash water when cleaning the pool. As the work is outside the wetland and buffer zone the Commission was OK with the plan. The hearing was closed and the Commission voted 5-0 to issue a Negative Determination with standard conditions.

Notice of Intent

11 Bouffard Dr. - Diana Dudek

Diana Dudek, the owner, was present and explained that they would like to add an addition to the back of the house with a foundation. Work will be in the existing yard area. It is a walk out basement, so excavation will only be 4'. All excess soils will be removed from the site. The deck will be move away from the wetland area.

Wilmatt Co. is the builder out of Lancaster; they have hired. The Commission saw no issues with this proposal and closed the hearing. The Commission voted unanimously 5-0 to issue a standard Order of Conditions and include conditions about the foundation drain not being crushed during construction, and erosion controls can be discussed in the field with the contractor to find the best placement for both the building and wetland protection.

Notice of Intent (Continued – will withdraw)

686 Forest St. - Verizon New England, Inc.

At the applicants request by letter, they have decided not to pursue the proposal to construct a parking lot with associated grading and drainage near wetlands. The Commission accepted the letter and this is item was withdrawn.

Certificate of Compliance:

- DEP 212-707 721 Stow Rd. – Full Certificate

The owner has requested a full Certificate of Compliance for this filing. Ms. Ryder has reviewed the plans and Order of Conditions and finds that it is in compliance. The Commission voted unanimously 5-0 to issue a full Certificate of Compliance for this project.

Correspondence/Other Business:

- DEP 212-1105 553 Forest St. Data Center had made a request to Ms. Ryder and provided plans to install an NGrid Connection at the driveway entrance to the building. There are some slight grading changes needed to accomplish this utility installation. The work is just at the 100' buffer zone mark, so they wanted permission from the Commission to proceed. The Commission reviewed the plans and agreed it was minor in nature. They voted 5-0 to approve these minor changes. Ms. Ryder will send a letter with this decision.

- Mass DOT has called to say they will be milling and resurfacing Fitchburg St. and Rte. 85 shortly and will be filing an RDA to cover this work for the next meeting.
- 222 Main St. – Boston Post Rd. Plaza - has called to say they are doing some work on the facades of the building. They need a place to install a temporary work trailer and have asked if they can park it next to the building on the side next to the brook. The Commission discussed this and determined this would be fine and considered a minor request not needing a formal filing since it is temporary.

Meetings – Next Conservation Commission meetings – June 6th and June 20th, 2013 (Thursdays)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Ryder
Conservation Officer