

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes
April 25, 2013 (Thursday)
Marlborough City Hall – 3rd Floor, Memorial Hall
7:00 PM**

Members Present: John Skarin- acting Chairman, David Williams, Dennis Demers, Lawrence Roy, Also present was Priscilla Ryder-Conservation Officer

Absent: Edward Clancy-Chairman; Michele Higgins and Allan White

Public Hearings:

Request for Determination of Applicability

350/358 Berlin Rd. - Marlborough Brazilian SDA Church

Paulo Goulart representing the church, explained that they want to add a shed to store materials and replant an area that was cleared near the brook for which they received a letter. The shed is about 90 feet from the brook and will be built on site. It will be a 12' x 14' shed placed on footings. They also will do some repair and redesign of the landscape wall next to the building entrance to improve the aesthetics and will add some new plantings there. They also will be replanting the slope next to the brook that was cleared. They plan to add some red maples and shrubs to restore this area back to a natural vegetated slope. After some discussion the Commission closed the hearing and voted unanimously to issue a Negative Determination with the standard conditions and the additional following conditions: 1. the existing stumps in the slope shall remain in place; 2. where the grass is to be placed the stumps may be removed and the area loamed and seeded; 3. erosion controls are to be added as needed during this work.

Notice of Intent (Continued)

686 Forest St. - Verizon New England, Inc.

Proposes to construct a parking lot with associated grading and drainage near wetlands. At the applicants request this item was continued to the May 23 meeting as they are trying to resolve some issues before presenting.

Draft Orders of Conditions:

- 379 South St. - Building addition

The Commission reviewed the draft Order of Conditions prepared and discussed the conditions and made a few changes. The Commission voted unanimously 4-0 to issue the Order of Conditions as written and amended.

Discussion:

- 69 Chase Rd. – Violation- Laura Foley and Jerry Stevens were present as required by the Violation notice they received. Ms. Foley explained that she owned the house with her husband, but he was not able to attend. Mr. Stevens lives at the house and has been the one cutting and storing the wood on the site. They heat the house with wood, so when he has an opportunity to get a load of wood he picks it up. The Commission reviewed the violation notice and noted that the wood piles cannot be located in the brook area or the 20' buffer zone. Mr. Stevens said he'd be happy to move it out of the way wherever the Commission wants it. The Commission asked Ms. Ryder to meet with Mr. Stevens and mark on the property where the 20'

buffer zone is, so he can move all the materials out of the resource area and buffer zone. The Commission asked about the shed, which Ms. Foley said had been there for 23 years. The Commission agreed the shed could stay, but all other materials needs to be moved out of the wetland area. Mr. Stevens said he would comply and remove the materials before May 30, 2013 as required. The Commission agrees that if all the work is done by this date then the fine can be rescinded.

Correspondence/Other Business:

The following correspondences were reviewed and the Commission voted to accept and place on file:

- Project Clean Sweep – April 27, 2013
- Hazardous Waste Day – Marlboro/Hudson – April 27, 2013
- Letter from DCR, dated April 8, 2013 RE: Management Forestry Program.
- Letter from Judith Driscoll, dated April 5, 2013 RE: 88 Country Ln. Pump Station.
- Bolton St. Tavern – Ms. Ryder noted that the Tavern owner has called to see if they needed a wetlands permit for the deck. The deck will be next to the building and inside the driveway and is more than 100' from the edge of the wetland. The Commission concurred that no permit would be required from the Commission for this work since it is outside their jurisdiction.

Meetings – Next Conservation Commission meetings – May 9th and May 23rd, 2013 (Thursdays)

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Ryder
Conservation Officer