

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
October 2, 2014 (Thursday)  
Marlborough City Hall - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Memorial Hall  
7:00 PM**

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

**Absent:** Karin Paquin

**Minutes:** The minutes of August 7, 2014 and September 4, 2014 were reviewed and unanimously approved.

**Discussion:**

- Ft. Meadow drawdown- DEP 212-949 - Lee Thomson, Chairman of the Ft. Meadow Commission, was present and reiterated the request he'd put in a letter to the Conservation Commission requesting a winter drawdown of Ft. Meadow Reservoir. The consultants, Aquatic Control Technologies, were recommending that a drawdown may help to knock back the fanwort which is beginning to invade more. After some discussion, the Commission voted 5-0 unanimously to approve a winter drawdown to begin either Oct. 15 or 16<sup>th</sup> depending on when the 7 day prior notification is mailed. Mr. Thomson said he was going to the Hudson Con. Com. following this and would convey same. In addition, there was some discussion about the algae in the lake and the need to control that alga next year. The Commission suggested a joint meeting with the Ft. Meadow Commission, BOH and maybe Recreation Dept. and lake management consultants and others that might have some expertise. It was agreed this meeting could be held in January/February of next year to gather all these people together to meet and discuss. Ms. Ryder will coordinate with the above mentioned boards to pull this meeting together.

(Allan White arrived after this discussion)

**Public Hearings:**

Request for Determination of Applicability

345 Littlefield Ln. - Rose Shao

Ms. Shao was present. Ms. Ryder explained that work had been done to extend the wall on this property at the 20' buffer zone line without a permit. Prior to the wall work, Ms. Ryder had discussed the removal of trees within the buffer zone and granted permission. Ms. Shao thought that was granted permission for the wall too. She apologized for not coming to the Commission for a permit before, but not having done this process before, didn't know that was missing. Ms. Ryder indicated that the landscaper had installed erosion controls as would have been required. All the work is done and the yard is now stable. The Commission confirmed that the 20' buffer zone should be left to naturalize and the wall looks stable, therefore the Commission voted 6-0 to issue a negative determination (after the fact) for this project.

Notice of Intent (Continuation)

424 South St. - South Street Realty Trust

*Proposes to construct a brook crossing, access road and associated drainage at 424 South St. to allow passage to the rear area of the property.*

At the applicant's request, this item was continued to the Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Notice of Intent (Continuation)

358 Berlin Rd. - Marlborough Brazilian SDA Church

*Proposes to repair and replace their existing parking lot, reinforce some walls, and clean the accumulated debris from the brook, add some landscaping and install a wooden fence near wetlands.*

At the applicant's request, this item was continued to the Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Certificate of Compliance:**

- DEP 212-109319 Royal Crest Dr. – Buildings 21/22 - Full Certificate  
Ms. Ryder reported that all the work was done per the plans. The Commission voted 6-0 to issue a full Certificate of Compliance for this work.
- DEP 212-1105 555 Forest St. – Full Certificate  
Ms. Ryder explained that she had done a site inspection and that all looks in compliance. The applicant provided all the documents and as-built plans as required. The Commission voted 6-0 to issue a full Certificate of Compliance for this project.

**Project Updates/Discussion:**

- Desert - Possible forest management- this will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Correspondence/Other Business**

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

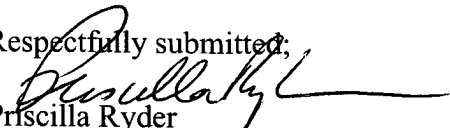
- Letter from ADDA Farms, dated Sept. 4, 2014 RE: Account of the 2014 haying season on Elm St.
- Letter to Planning Board, dated Sept. 22, 2014 RE: Hudson St. Open Space Development Subdivision Plan.
- Draft (9/10/2014) – A Guide to the Open Space in your Neighborhood - The Commission reviewed the draft and agreed this was a good guide to send to residents next to conservation land when issues such as “piling leaves” “dumping trash or brush” onto conservation land occurs.

**Meetings:**

- Next Conservation Commission meetings: October 16<sup>th</sup> and November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 (Thursdays)

**Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Priscilla Ryder  
Conservation Officer