

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
September 4, 2014 (Thursday)  
Marlborough City Hall – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Memorial Hall  
7:00 PM**

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

**Absent:** None

**Approval of Minutes** – The Minutes of July 17, 2014 were reviewed and approved unanimously as written.

**Public Hearings:**

Request for Determination of Applicability  
34 McCabe Dr. – Richard & Janice Merk

Wesley Flis from Whitman & Bingham Associates represented the owners. He explained that they want to repave the driveway, remove and replace the walkway and install a stone french drain/trench 30' long and 2' wide along the edge of the driveway to help alleviate the puddling that now occurs in the driveway. The trench will just collect water during storms and act as a level spreader, it will not be hooked up to any drain pipes, so will just overflow onto the adjacent lawn. They don't know yet if it will be full replacement of gravel or just milling, once they see the base they'll know what will need to be done. All excess materials will be removed from the site. The Commission asked a few questions, but was satisfied that the work would not have an impact on the wetlands. A straw wattle barrier will be used to trap any sediments. The Commission closed the hearing and voted unanimously 7-0 to issue a Negative Determination with standard conditions for notification and inspections.

Notice of Intent (Continuation)

424 South St. - South Street Realty Trust

At the applicants request by letter, this item was continued to the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to allow more time to gather the information requested. The Commission continued this hearing to the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Notice of Intent (Continuation)

358 Berlin Rd. - Marlborough Brazilian SDA Church

At the applicants request by e-mail, this item was continued to the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Certificate of Compliance:**

- DEP 212-237 13 Brigham St. – (now 19 Brigham St.) - Full Certificate - This is a very old file that has surfaced. Ms Ryder explained that all work done long ago was fine and

recommended that a full Certificate be issued, no violations are on the property as of yesterday. The Commission voted 7-0 to issue a full Certificate of Compliance to clear the title.

**Extension Permit:**

- DEP 212-1021 7 Beaman Lane (Received the automatic 4 yr extension – due to expire Aug. 23, 2014) Ms. Ryder explained that this property has just changed hands and the new owner realized that the permit was about to expire, so he has asked for an extension. Ms. Ryder has been to the site and they have started clearing under the current Order of Conditions. Mr. Ryder recommended an extension be granted. The Commission discussed this and decided that an extension for a year was appropriate and voted 7-0 to extend the permit for a year.

**Draft Order of Conditions:**

- 212-1132 84 D'Angelo Dr. – Mass Water Resource Authority Wachusett Aqueduct Pump Station project - The Commission reviewed the draft set of conditions. Ms. Ryder noted that the MWRA also provided some comments on the draft by e-mail which she has incorporated into the final draft. Mr. Clancy reviewed the draft with the Commission. The Commission made some amendments based on their review and voted unanimously 7-0 to issue the Order of Conditions as drafted and amended.

**Project Updates/Discussion:**

- **Overlook @ Lake Williams** - Ms. Ryder reported that this project is well underway. They have installed detention basins, are blasting and will be hauling materials to the “beautification island in front of the Waterwind Knolls Condo project”, and will be starting that shortly.
- **Avalon** - They are working away, and have finished the detention basins and are moving forward on the building. They have finished hauling materials to the Atlantic site (Results way) and will be hydro seeding those piles shortly.
- **Howe's Landing** - Definitive Subdivision Plan – Comments to Planning Board requested by September 22. The Commission reviewed the revised plans and discussed the lots with wetlands on them, whether a cross walk across Hudson St. was needed and the need to confirm wetland impacts. Ms. Ryder will draft a letter for the Planning Board for the Commission's review at the next meeting.
- **345 Littlefield Lane** - Ms. Ryder reported that the home owner had requested permission to remove some trees which was granted, but there was a misunderstanding about the permit she needed to extend the retaining wall next to the wetland. The owner went ahead and did the work without a permit, it was all but complete when she observed it and has asked the homeowner to file an RDA after the fact for this work. All work except for a small amount of clearing was gone outside the 20' buffer zone.
- **The Desert Natural Area Conservation Land** - Ms. Ryder reported that she and Ms. Paquin and Mr. Williams along with Laura Mattei from SVT met with the new forester, Russ Wilmot, at the Desert to review the logging operation that the state would like to do on the state forest portion which includes Witches Cove area. They would like to use Old Concord Rd. as the main entrance and stage on their property close to the entrance, but out of the wetland. The state is also wondering if the city has any interest in logging portions of our

land at the same time. SVT may coordinate with the logging operation on State land. The Commission discussed this and it was decided that information from the forest management plan should be shared with the Commission at the next meeting for a more informed discussion. Ms. Ryder will provide.

- **26 Berlin Rd. Central Mass Mosquito Control** – Ms. Ryder indicated that CMMC was in touch with her and explained that they would like to proceed with a project that was noticed to the Commission several years ago to open up a culvert and channel behind 26 Berlin Rd. They have received all their approvals and would like to start in a few weeks. The Commission had no objection to this work.

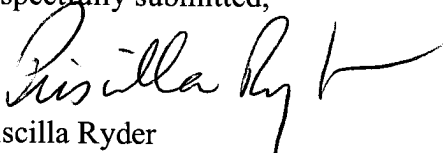
**Meetings:**

- Next Conservation Commission meetings: Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 (Thursdays)
- OARS' 28<sup>th</sup> Annual River Cleanup, Saturday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – Noon

**Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Priscilla Ryder

Conservation Officer