

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
November 17, 2016 (Thursday)
Marlborough City Hall – 3rd Floor, Memorial Hall
7:00 PM**

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

Absent: Lawrence Roy

Approval of Minutes – The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 20, 2016

Public Hearings: None

Discussion:

• **Apex Center – DEP 212-1177 – Wetland Violation – follow-up**

Mark Arnold from Goddard Consulting, Vinny Farese and Rich Zucco from ETL, a representative from Republic and Joe Trolla were all present. Mr. Arnold provided an overview of the events and wetland damage that occurred during the Oct. 21-22 rainfall event. He showed the areas on a plan and showed photographs of the wetland impacted areas. In some locations, the silt was 6” deep and in some location 2” and other areas were just a dusting of silt. He explained the cleanup process and procedures and areas that have been completed thus far. The middle wetland is still being cleaned up. They anticipate that they have 2 more weeks of cleanup. They have 5 men shoveling and hauling buckets and one gaiter machine to remove the material once collected. In the larger pond areas, they have dewatered the ponds and excavated out the silt. Mr. Farese explained that ETL is now on site during rain events and they will keep the site under control, because they do not want to have to do any more wetland cleaning again.

The Commission asked about the walls and why they had not put in place, as per the construction sequencing plan, which noted that the walls would be installed and serve as part of the erosion control process. Mr. Farese explained that there has been some delay on the wall block manufacturer’s part and that has caused them to switch the construction procedure. However, the blocks for the remaining walls will be delivered shortly and they will have 3 crews working on walls for the next few weeks to get those in place. He explained that once the wall was in, they would build a berm inside to help contain runoff as they built up. Chairman Clancy asked where the temporary detention basins were on the site. ETL and Republic assured the Commission that they will have the site under control and prepared for any future storm events. Ms. Ryder mentioned the need to clean the trash grate on the large drainage pipe that parallels Glen St. on their property. This will prevent overflow either onto their work site or Glen St. Mr. Zucco said they would do so. After additional discussion about procedures and preparing for storm events, the Commission was satisfied that the wetland violation and cleanup were proceeding and would be completed within two weeks’ time (on

or before Dec. 1st) and were given assurances that the site would be kept under control. The Commission will get a copy of the photos provided at the meeting.

- **279 Maple St. RE: Proposed drilling, former Mobil Terminal** - E-mail dated Oct. 27, 2016 - from Cedwyn Morgan The Commission reviewed the testing plan for this property. Due diligence is being done to determine the extent of any remaining contamination in anticipation of selling the property. The drilling is an exempt activity under the new rules as it is exploratory and is not in the wetland.
- **329 Maple St. – Wetland Violation** – steps to resolution of violation. Letter dated Oct. 28, 2016. Ms. Ryder noted that the applicant had received approval for the plant type which is a juniper that will grow into a hedge 4-6' in size. They have begun planting today 11-17-16, but it was not yet complete during the inspection by Ms. Ryder. The Commission expressed concern that although the plants will grow, they do not provide an adequate barrier now or when snow is plowed. Ms. Ryder will discuss with the owner adding a temporary barrier to protect the plants and prevent snow being plowed into the brook. Snow fencing or similar would be sufficient.

Correspondence and Other Business:


- **Letter from ADDA Farms** – dated Nov. 5, 2016, RE: Account of the 2016 haying season on Elm St. The Commission noted that there was only one cut this year due to the drought. The letter was accepted and placed on file.
- Reflective vests - Mr. Demers asked if the Commission could get hats or something to identify themselves when going on site. It was agreed to consider getting reflective vests for the Commission.

Meetings – Next Conservation meetings – December 15th, 2016 and January 5th, 2017 (Thursdays)

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,


Priscilla Ryder

Conservation Officer