

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
October 6, 2016 (Thursday)
Marlborough City Hall – 3rd Floor, Memorial Hall
7:00 PM**

Present: Edward Clancy-Chairman, Allan White, Lawrence Roy, John Skarin, and Karin Paquin. The Conservation Officer, Priscilla Ryder, was also present.

Absent: Dennis Demers and David Williams

Minutes – The Commission reviewed the minutes of June 16, 2016 and September 15, 2016 and voted unanimously 5-0 to approve both sets of minutes as written.

Public Hearings:

Request for Determination of Applicability

21 Balcom Rd.- Victor Archila

The owners were present and explained that they wanted to extend their back yard and would like to remove some trees and add some fill to regrade the area, so it can be loamed and seeded. They will hire a tree removal company that has a crane and the stumps will be ground in place. Then they will hire someone to level off the yard and add grass. Ms. Ryder indicated that she had marked the 20' buffer zone and wetland boundary line. The owners requested permission to move the rocks from the stone wall in the wetland area to the 20' buffer zone to create a boundary mark for the 20' buffer zone. After some discussion the Commission closed the hearing and voted unanimously 5-0 to issue a Negative Determination with standard conditions and a note about the boundary marker as noted above.

Certificates of Compliance:

- DEP 212-1160 Howe's Landing – 38 Gikas Ln. (Lot 6) - John Skarin abstained from this discussion. Ms. Ryder noted that all the conditions of the Order of Conditions have been met, the markers are in place. The only item remaining is the removal of the erosion controls. The Commission voted 4-0 (Mr. Skarin abstained) to issue a full Certificate of Compliance and to have Ms. Ryder hold it until the erosion controls have been removed.
- DEP 212-1004 228 Littlefield Ln. – The owners of this house have installed the 20' boundary markers and will be submitting the deed language. All conditions of the Order of Conditions have been met. The house is being sold on Oct. 20th. The Commission voted unanimously 5-0 to issue a full Certificate of Compliance.

Discussion:

- 329 Maple St. – Violation update- Ms. Ryder noted that nothing was submitted by the applicant, this will be placed on the Oct. 20th agenda.
- Desert Natural Area Update – Sudbury Valley Trustees - Ms. Paquin explained that Sudbury Valley Trustees, SVT, will be doing some tree thinning and harvesting on the Sudbury side of the Desert Natural Area sometime this fall; Oct.-Dec. SVT is hosting a pre-cut site walk on Saturday, October 15, at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Paquin summarized the work to be done as good forestry practice and described the work which is some thinning and crop release tree clearing for the health of the forest and to accommodate a burn for pitch/pine forest restoration in the future. More information about the thinning can be found on SVT's web page.
- Community Garden – Update - Ms. Ryder noted that she has had some discussions with the gardeners at Spring Hill Farm about how the community garden works and they may be interested in the future adding a community garden at this farm; depending on what is needed. Further discussions will happen this winter.

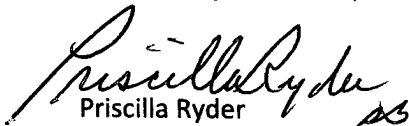
Other Business/Correspondence:

None

Meetings – Next Conservation meetings –Oct. 20th and Nov. 3rd, 2016 (Thursdays)

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Priscilla Ryder
Conservation Officer