

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
April 6, 2017 (Thursday)
Marlborough City Hall – 3rd Floor, Memorial Hall
7:00 PM**

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

Absent: None

Public Hearings:

Notice of Intent

Apex - Walker Realty LLC

Proposes to do complete off site roadway improvements including intersection improvements at Rte. 20 and Boundary St., Rte. 20 and Apex Center, and a sidewalk from Ames St. to Glen St. A portion of work on this section of Rte. 20 West will be near wetlands and the Riverfront Area.

Meredith Avery and Matt of VHB were both present. They outlined the design proposed to complete off site roadway improvements including intersection improvements at Rte. 20 and Boundary St., Rte. 20 and Apex Center, and a sidewalk from Ames St. to Glen St. A portion of work on this section of Rte. 20 West will be near wetlands and the Riverfront Area. This roadway work is advancing with a grant from the Mass-Works grant on the MDOT roadway layout. The roadway adjustments were required by the MEPA filing requirements. In some locations the entire roadway is widened, in others new lane configuration and curbing is added. The two locations near wetlands to which this widening is required is at Millham Brook (near Ames St.). Impact is to riverfront area and floodplain. But, the impacts are minimal, flows are maintained and the riprap slope will be mechanically stabilized. The Commission discussed sequence of construction at Millham St. and required it be only during low flow periods. The other wetland location is near the 99 Restaurant. The sidewalk widening will extend into the existing rip rap slope which will be re-established. Access to maintain the highway drainage basins was discussed as well. Time of year for this construction will be critical too. The Commission, after some additional discussion, closed the hearing and asked Ms. Ryder to draft conditions for the next meeting.

Certificate of Compliance:

- DEP 212-1138 17 Bemis Ln. (Lot 7)- the lawn has not been established. This item was tabled until May.

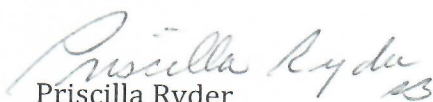
Other Business/Correspondence/Discussion:

- Lincoln St. reconstruction – DPW – exempt - City Engineer Tom DiPersio was present and explained that the city's DPW will be reconstructing Lincoln St. The project falls under the recent exemptions established in the WPA regulations. However, it drains to Lake Williams, so he wanted to explain the project to the Commission to get input. The Commission asked for erosion controls at Rte. 20, and that Ms. Ryder attend the pre-construction meeting to be able to explain to the contractor the sensitive drainage receptors and locations. The sequence of construction was discussed, utilities, water, then drainage. After some discussion, the Commission agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr. DiPersio outlining the discussion and two conditions noted above, to memorialize this.
- Letter from Division of Fisheries & Wildlife, dated: March 27, 2017 RE: Draft Priority Habitat Map of rare species available for public comment, April 3, 2017 thru June 3, 2017 - Ms. Ryder noted she will look at these plans and provide any comments at subsequent meetings.
- DPW's upcoming project list – 2017- The Commission reviewed the list and voted to accept and place on file.
- Rain event occurred on April 6, 2017 - Ms. Ryder noted violations at 90 Crowley Dr., Apex Center, and Howes Landing - follow up letters will be sent.

Meetings – Next Conservation meetings – April 20th and May 4th, 2017 (Thursdays)

Adjournment- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Priscilla Ryder
Conservation Officer