

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

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

Absent: David Williams

Approval of Minutes – The Commission unanimously approved the minutes of July 20, 2017 as written.

Public Hearings

Abbreviated Notice of Intent

1001 Boston Post Rd. - Raytheon Company

Aron Alfred of John Crow Associates and Mike Laggerio, facilities manager of Raytheon were present. Mr. Laggerio explained that the 30-year-old transformer switch gear needs replacement. A new switch system will be installed next to the existing system and a 10'x10' pad needs to be poured. Unfortunately, due to the configuration of the parking lot, it needs to extend into the 20' buffer zone. Mr. Alfred explained that the area was already graded and mowed, so minimal excavation is needed and no wetland vegetation or native buffer zone vegetation is to be removed. Work will include excavation and installation of the 100-sq. ft. pad and the removal and relocation of a light post with associated trench and duct work. The Commission discussed construction methods, erosion control location and stabilization of the site once work is completed. After further discussion, the Commission closed the hearing and voted unanimously 6-0 to issue a standard Order of Conditions requiring a pre-construction meeting and stabilization when through.

Discussions:

- Elm Street Culvert – DEP 212-1149

Bill Lovenbury Sr. from Aqua Line Utility and Tim Collins from DPW Engineering were both present. Ms. Ryder noted that per the Order of Conditions, the contractor chosen for the project needed to come to a regularly scheduled Commission meeting to discuss the construction sequencing and weather-related issues for this stream/culvert restoration project. Mr. Lovenbury explained that they have not yet found the waterline sleeve. If they find it and can use it, they will.... if not, per the Order of Conditions, they will need to excavate through the stream to install a new sleeve through which the waterline can be placed. They will stockpile the river stones and wetland soils in a designated area to keep for reuse in the replication area and to re-establish the stream bottom. After some

discussion of the method for pumping and being aware of the weather, the Commission was satisfied and told the DPW and Mr. Lovenbury that they could proceed with the project.

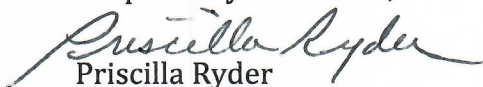
- Ft. Meadow Commission Request – draw down of Ft. Meadow – Fall 2017 – This item was continued to the September 7th meeting.

Correspondence/Other Business:

- Letter to Jennifer Grant, Community Manager Bell Partners, dated July 19, 2017 RE: Emergency Certificate for 20 Applebriar Lane, Marlborough, Sewer pipe repair and cleanup. The Commission reviewed the Emergency Certificate issued for the project and voted unanimously 6-0 to ratify the emergency certificate.
- Eversource - As part of the transmission line that is proposed between Sudbury and Hudson which crosses through The Desert Natural Area in Marlborough, Eversource has asked for permission to do a study of the priority habitat in this area to gather information to inform the Environmental Impact Report they are preparing. The Commission voted unanimously to grant permission with conditions that the Commission be notified of dates this will occur, be able to observe this work, and be notified when results are submitted to the NHESP.
- OARS - OARS has received a grant to install river access signs at all river boat access points along the Assabet River. They have asked for permission to post these signs at the Robin Hill and Donald Lynch Blvd. boat access sites. The Commission voted unanimously to grant permission.
- Hager St. Subdivision Plan - Ms. Ryder noted that the Commission had received a copy of a proposed subdivision plan for comment. The Commission reviewed the plan and asked for further clarification on how the open space would be designated before giving comment to the Planning Board. Ms. Ryder will inquire.
- New Priority and Estimated Habitat maps released - Ms. Ryder noted that the Commission received the most recent maps from NHESP with an effective date of Aug. 1, 2017. It is hanging in the Commission office.

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Priscilla Ryder

Conservation Officer