

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
February 16, 2017 (Thursday)
Marlborough City Hall – 3rd Floor, Memorial Hall
7:00 PM**

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

Absent: Allan White and David Williams.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of February 2, 2017 were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Public Hearings:

Request for Determination of Applicability

325 Bigelow St. - Mr. O’Keefe and Ms. Perez

Glenn Krevosky of EBT Environmental Consultants, Inc. is the representative. He explained that he had flagged the wetlands and noted that there is an isolated wetland at the top of the slope which appears to have become isolated when the sewer line was installed a long time ago. The other side of the sewer line is the Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) associated with Howe Pond. The isolated wetland is too small to be state jurisdictional, but may have army corps of engineer’s jurisdiction. The proposed work includes an addition which is 97’ from the BVW at the closest point. The addition will be a single story with a full foundation. Straw wattle erosion controls are proposed. All excess materials will be removed from the site. The Commission discussed the work and noted no material stockpiles will be within the 100’ buffer zone. After some discussion, the Commission closed the hearing and voted unanimously 5-0 to issue a negative determination with standard conditions.

Notice of Intent (Continuation)

The City of Marlborough - Dept. of Public Works

Proposes to reconstruct D’Angelo Dr. including utilities, sidewalk and drainage improvements near wetlands.

At the applicants request this item was continued to the March 2, 2017 meeting

Notice of Intent (Continuation)

329 Boston Post Rd. - 329 Boston Post Rd. Owner LLC

Proposes to construct a self-storage facility and associated site work and drainage near a river and wetlands. Attorney Chris Flood was present and indicated that the plans had been revised per the Fire Dept. and City Engineer. The changes included: only one side of

the building will have direct overhead doors, the rest were removed. The Commission discussed construction sequencing and snow removal.

The hearing was closed. The Commission reviewed the draft Order of Conditions and made a few changes related to snow removal, O&M plan and drainage system and then voted unanimously to 5-0 to approve the Order of Conditions as written and amended.

Notice of Intent (Continuation)

24 Hager St. – Mr. Santos

Mr. Yar Zar Moe Htet (YZ) of H.S. & T. Group, Inc. and Mr. Santos were present. Mr. YZ explained the plan. The building falls within the 100' Riverfront area, is within a few feet of the Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) which is the field on one side and 35+ feet along the brook side. A portion of the building sits within Bordering Land Subject to Flooding. The existing barn is to be removed completely and a new barn with a full slab. The Commission asked for the dimensions of the building to be added to the plan and to ensure that the new slab remains at the existing floor elevation, so as not to impact the floodplain. A condition that the existing building must be pinned with offset stakes before it is removed will be required. They also discussed that no storage of any fuel would be permitted in the barn, manure should be managed, so it cannot leach into the stream and all materials are to be removed from the site. Ms. Ryder noted that the Floodplain and Wetland Protection District may require filing for a special permit for a building in the floodplain, she will check with the building commissioner before the next meeting. Ann Fish an abutter at 47 Hager St. was present and asked about the building size and look. Mr. Santos explained that it would be a one-story gambrel roof building and will look nice. There were no more questions, the Commission asked Ms. Ryder to draft a set of conditions for the next meeting and required that the plan be revised to include the building dimensions. The hearing was continued to March 2nd.

Certificate of Compliance

- DEP 212-367 25 Cullinane Dr. (project never started under this DEP #) Ms. Ryder noted this is an old Order of Conditions which was never started. They are trying to clear the title to the property. The Commission voted unanimously 5-0 to issue a full Certificate of Compliance noting it was never started.

Draft Order of Conditions:

- Maple St. reconstruction - Ms. Ryder distributed a set of draft conditions for this project. DEP hasn't yet issued a DEP number. Having just received the conditions the Commission opted to table this to the next meeting on March 2nd.

Discussion:

- Commission – 2016 accomplishments and 2017 proposals - Ms. Ryder had provided the annual report for the Commission noting the work done in 2016 and the proposed projects for 2017. The Commission reviewed the document and voted unanimously to accept the document and place on file.
- DPW Vegetation Management Yearly Operational Plan 2017 - The document was reviewed and the Commission voted unanimously to accept and place on file.


Other Business/Correspondence:

- Letter from Division of Fisheries & Wildlife, dated Jan. 6, 2017, RE: Vernal Pool Certification for a vernal pool off Slocumb Lane. The Commission voted to accept and place on file.

Meetings – Next Conservation meetings – March 2nd and 16th, 2017 (Thursdays)

Adjournment- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Priscilla Ryder *PR*
Conservation Officer