

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes**

**January 5, 2017 (Thursday)**

**Marlborough City Hall – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Memorial Hall**

**7:00 PM**

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

Absent: Lawrence Roy, Dennis Demers, and Allan White

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of December 15, 2016 were reviewed and unanimously approved.

**Public Hearings:**

**Request for Determination of Applicability**

**178 Simpson Rd. – Joseph Bisazza**

Proposes to fill and regrade the back yard next to wetlands. At the request of the applicant who is ill, this item was continued to the January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Notice of Intent**

**329 Boston Post Rd. - 329 Boston Post Rd. Owner LLC - (Continuation- proposal to construct a self storage facility)**

Michael Radner of Radner Design Associates Inc. the Landscape Architect, Paul Hutnak P.E. of Andrews Survey and Engineering Inc, and Attorney Chris Flood were present.

Mr. Radner, presented a revised plan showing plantings along the two sections of the stream which currently have little or no vegetation. The Commission reviewed the revised plan sheet L100 dated 1/5/17. The Commission agreed these plantings would be satisfactory.

Mr. Hutnak reviewed the changes to the plan from the last meeting. The building has gotten narrower to accommodate fire dept. access requirements, the building will be three stories, with ground access on the first floor and internal access for the second and third floor. Mr. Clancy asked if the straight edge of the building could be on the stream side. Mr. Hutnak explained that given the shape of the lot and the stream location, the current design is the best fit. Mr. Clancy was concerned with snow plowing, which now is pushed into the brook. It was explained that the fencing which has steel posts all along the edge of the brook, should prevent this practice from occurring in the future. Mr. Hutnak explained the drainage which includes dry wells for the roof drainage and stormceptors for all 4 catch basins to improve the drainage off site from current conditions. Construction sequencing and grading were discussed as well as long term maintenance of the fence to ensure the stream is protected.

Ms. Ryder noted that we are still waiting for drainage calculations and review of same by Tom DiPersio, city engineer. With the applicants' consent, the hearing was continued to the January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. Ryder will draft a set of conditions for review at that meeting as well.

**Notice of Intent**

**215 Fitchburg St. - Assabet Valley Regional Vocational School District (AVRVSD)**

Chris Huntress of Huntress Sports along with members of the AVRVSD athletic and school programs were present. Mr. Huntress explained that the school is proposing to renovate the

existing running track, athletic field, football field, grandstand and associated site improvements near wetlands. He reviewed the existing conditions plan and the proposed plan. The new detention basin next to the expanded parking lot. The new drainage system for the proposed turf field and new bleacher and walkway system and landscaping plan were all reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Huntress explained that the site is a balanced site with cuts and fill, however there will be excess top soil which will be moved to another area of the school for reuse. They are avoiding a ledge outcrop to avoid blasting. The Commission asked about the existing drainage pipes and their condition, proximity to wetland, construction sequencing, tracking pad maintenance and street sweeping as needed. During construction mulch socks, will be used as erosion controls. Mr. Hutnak will be filing the Storm Water Pollution Preventive Plan (SWPPP) reports as well. Ms. Ryder noted that this all drains to Ft. Meadow Reservoir, so no silt can leave the site. Ms. Ryder noted that the Commission is waiting for confirmation from the city engineer that the drainage calculations are acceptable. The work is anticipated to start in April/May and should last 3-4 months' weather permitting. They hope to have the field operational by the fall of 2017.

There being no further discussion, the Commission continued the hearing to the January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and will entertain a draft Order of Conditions at that time.

**Other Business/Correspondence:**

- Letter from UMass Extension – dated Nov. 8, 2016 RE: Publication “Increasing Forest Resiliency for an Uncertain Future”. The document was circulated to the Commission Members.
- Letter from National grid – dated Dec. 5, 2015 RE: Herbicide application notification along power line rights-of-way. The commission voted to accept and place on file.
- Letter to Stan Martin – dated Dec. 13, 2016 RE: Mowry Brook stream maintenance at Brook Village East. The Commission will review again in the spring and voted to accept and place on file.
- Dog walking at the Desert Natural Area - Ms. Paquin explained that the abutting land owner SVT has established a stricter dog walking protocol on the SVT property to help protect ground nesting birds in the spring May-mid July and are requiring all dogs be on a leash during this time. The Commission noted that the current city ordinance requires all dogs to be on a leash (Marlborough city code Ch. 250 sec. 4). It was discussed that some education to walkers at The Desert Natural Area and the Felton Conservation Land to protect ground nesting birds would be helpful.
- MACC 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Ms. Ryder noted that MACC is looking for old and new pictures to add to their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary collage.
- MACC request sign-on to letter regarding pipeline. - Ms. Ryder will send link to Commission to review.

**Meetings** – Next Conservation meetings – January 19<sup>th</sup> and February 2, 2017 (Thursdays)

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

  
Priscilla Ryder

Conservation Officer