

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
March 2, 2017 (Thursday)
Marlborough City Hall – 3rd Floor, Memorial Hall
7:00 PM**

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

Absent: Karin Paquin

Public Hearings:

Request for Determination of Applicability

431 Bolton St. – Marlborough High School

Jonathan Charwick of Activitas and Thomas DiPersio-City Engineer were present. Mr. Charwick explained that the city is proposing to renovate the existing baseball field with synthetic turf which is adjacent to wetlands on the abutting property. The new synthetic turf field will accommodate both a soccer field and baseball field. The fields will be slightly reconfigured, but there is no expansion from the existing fenced in area. The edge of slope will remain the same around the field. The addition of handicapped parking and access drive will be added off Stevens St. since there isn't any handicapped access now. A new fence and lighting will be added. The field will be regraded, so there is a 1% slope over the field.

The Commission asked about a vegetated buffer between Stevens St. and the handicapped parking and concerns that people would try to park in the driveway access. They'd like to see this addressed.

The storage area shown on the plans, the Commission would like to know what is to be stored there, and why isn't drainage shown on the plan. Mr. Charwick explained that, because the 100' buffer zone only encroached on the small back area, they hadn't included the drainage information, but noted that because it is a synthetic turf, it will have an elaborate drainage system underneath which will be discharged outside the 100' buffer zone. Mr. Clancy asked to see these details and more details on the screening of the parking area.

It was also discussed that the only materials stored in the storage area will be sports equipment, no machines or mowers or other motorized equipment will be stored in this location within the buffer zone. The Commission discussed construction sequencing and asked for a plan to show how runoff will be controlled during construction. Mr. Charwick explained that they are proposing a temporary detention basin during construction. There was discussion about what type of infill will be used, rubber has been chosen, the mound and outfield will also

be rubberized soil. There was discussion of cost, maintenance and life expectancy as well. Special equipment has already been purchased for the other turf field at the middle school and will also be used for this one. The Commission decided to continue the hearing to March 16th to allow for this additional information noted above to be provided including lot lines on the plans.

Notice of Intent - Continuation

The City of Marlborough - Dept. of Public Works

Tom DiPersio- City Engineer was present and explained that they will be doing a full depth reconstruction of D'Angelo Dr. including a water line, sidewalk and drainage improvements. There are wetlands just off the end of the cul-de-sac on the MWRA land and stream channel. All work is within the existing pavement and in fact the pavement layout at the end of the cul-de-sac will be reduced. Overall impervious surface is reduced; all drainage catch basins will be moved and replaced with new basins with 4' sumps and hoods to improve water quality. Overall the project will improve water quality. Ms. Ryder noted that Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is waiting for a stormwater report, so a DEP # can be issued. Mr. DiPersio provided this to the Commission. He also noted that they will be jacking under the CSX railroad near Cedar Hill St. in order to add the redundant water line. The Commission discussed sequencing of the project and any dewatering if that is necessary. Work is expected to take place this summer. Ms. Ryder noted that the area near the brook is currently disturbed with the MWRA guard shack being installed and the new headwall location. There being no further questions, the Commission closed the hearing and requested that Ms. Ryder draft conditions for review at the next meeting on March 16th.

Notice of Intent - Continuation

24 Hager St. - Mr. Santos

Ms. Ryder indicated that a revised site plan has been received showing the dimensions of the barn as requested, and that she had discussed the project with the building commissioner who indicated that the project would need to be filed with the ZBA to get a review under the Floodplain and Wetlands Protection District Ordinance. There being no further comments, the hearing was closed. The Commission reviewed the draft Order of Conditions and made a change to item # 41; to include no storage of hazardous materials or motorized equipment which contains fuel or oil which would be a hazard in the flood plain. (electric motor machines are permitted to be stored in the barn). The Commission voted 6-0 to approve the Order of Conditions as drafted and amended.

Certificate of Compliance

- DEP 212-190 397 Williams St. – Full Ms. Ryder noted this is an old file and work was superseded by a subsequent Order of Conditions and she recommends issuance of a full

Certificate of Compliance. The Commission voted unanimously 6-0 to issue a full Certificate of Compliance.

Draft Order of Conditions:

- DEP 212-1185 Maple St. reconstruction - The Commission did not receive copies of this draft Order of Conditions at this meeting, so this was continued to the next meeting for review.

Other Business/Correspondence/Discussion:


- **Central Mass Mosquito Control** is seeking permission to maintain drainage ditches within the conservation land off Wright Dr. on Berlin Rd. The Commission granted permission.
- **Vernal Pools** : Ms. Ryder noted that the vernal pool breeding season is about to begin and she will be out surveying pools this month as soon as the amphibians begin to migrate.
- **Project Clean Sweep** – This year this annual event will be held on April 8, 2017 (9:00 – noon)

Meetings – Next Conservation meetings – March 16th and April 6th, 2017 (Thursdays)

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM

Respectfully submitted:


Priscilla Ryder *PR*

Conservation Officer