

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

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

**Absent:** Dennis Demers and Karin Paquin.

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of February 16, 2017 and March 2, 2017 were reviewed and unanimously 5-0, approved.

**Public Hearings:**

Request for Determination of Applicability

MassDOT – Highway Division

Brian Cordeiro of Mass DOT, Andrea Kelly of LEC; and Mr. Boucher were all present.

Mr. Cordeiro explained that MassDOT is doing a state-wide initiative to improve all drainage from Massachusetts highways that currently drain into impaired waters. They have looked at all their roadways near these outfalls and proposed improvements. Tonight, they are proposing an improvement of roadway runoff on Rte. 20 at the Framingham/Sudbury line to improve water quality to Gristmill Pond. The water from the road will drain off into the swale designed with check dams to help remove total suspended solids. The Commission discussed maintenance and annual inspections at the site, so that it works effectively. These have been provided. The work is anticipated to be advertised in Fall 2017 with work beginning in winter 2017/spring 2018.

After further discussion about highway winter maintenance, the hearing was closed. The Commission voted unanimously 5-0 to issue a negative determination with standard conditions.

Request for Determination of Applicability - Continuation

431 Bolton St. – Marlborough High School

Johnathan Charwick of Activitas represented the DPW. He presented a set of revised plans dated 3-19-17, based on the discussion at the last meeting. The new plans address: The property line, site access and erosion controls, construction sequencing and soil removal stockpile. They assume they will encounter some large stones which will be processed on site. They anticipate work to begin this summer. The driveway parking area for handicapped parking has been reduced in width to prevent other people parking on this pavement. A small detention basin is shown as well. The drainage system function was

described. The maintenance of the field was also discussed, as no vehicles can travel across the grass without damaging the pipes etc. The piping and stone work were discussed as well as the level spreader. Staff will be trained on the new maintenance requirements as well. After some discussion, the Commission voted 5-0 to issue a negative determination with standard conditions

**Certificate of Compliance:**

- DEP 212-923 18 LaRose Dr. – Ms. Ryder noted that all work was done on this lot according to plans. The Commission voted unanimously 5-0 to issue a full Certificate of Compliance.

**Draft Order of Conditions:**

- DEP 212-1185 Maple St. reconstruction - The Commission reviewed a set of draft conditions for this project. The Commission voted unanimously 5-0 to issue the Order as written and amended.
- DEP 212-1186 D'Angelo Dr. – reconstruction - The Commission reviewed a set of draft conditions for this project. The Commission voted unanimously 5-0 to issue the Order as written and amended.

**Other Business/Correspondence/Discussion:**

- 81 McNeil Circle – Cat Tail Marsh - Ms. Ryder noted she received another e-mail asking about the status of the cat tail marsh at the pond at Cider Knoll and if anything could be done to control the cattails from taking over. The Commission noted that the cat tails are native plants and the pond is shallow, so nature is doing her thing. The Commission is not inclined to take any action on this, nor spend any money on the control since it is a natural process.

**Meetings** – Next Conservation meetings – April 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (Thursdays)

**Adjournment** - There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Priscilla Ryder  
Conservation Officer