

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
May 18, 2017 (Thursday)  
Marlborough City Hall – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Memorial Hall  
7:00 PM**

**Present:** Edward Clancy – Chairman, Allan White, John Skarin, Dennis Demers, Karin Paquin, Priscilla Ryder – Conservation Officer.

**Absent:** Lawrence Roy and David Williams.

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of April 20<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 were reviewed and unanimously approved 5-0 as written.

**Public Hearings**

Request for Determination of Applicability

121 Matheson Dr. – Dennis Popivchak

Mr. Popivchak was present and explained that they wanted to extend their driveway 16' parallel to the deck on the existing yard. It would be located outside the wetland markers which mark the 30' wetland buffer zone established for this subdivision. All excess materials will be removed from site. Ms. Ryder noted that the wetland markers are cement triangles still visible in the ground, she noted that the area is very flat where the expansion is proposed and there should be no issues. After some discussion, the Commission voted unanimously 5-0 to issue a negative determination with standard conditions.

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181 Cullinan Dr. – John & Angela Leipold

Mr. Leipold was present and explained that he is back with a formal filing this evening to install a new foundation to the house and completely replace the house. The Commission noted that previously he was going to jack up the house, but Mr. Leipold explained that it was no longer the case and they will be installing the foundation, building a new house and adding the addition the Commission approved previously. All excess materials from the foundation will be removed from the site and some additional erosion controls will be added to the back of the house between the work area and the wetlands. Mr. Demers asked if there were any zoning variances needed, and the response was no. After further discussion, the Commission voted 5-0 to unanimously issue a negative determination with standard conditions.

**Discussions:**

- DEP 212-1187 Rte. 20 Improvements – Apex Center – Discussion with contractor as required in the Order of Conditions. Jim Shalek from I.W. Harding Construction was present along with

Matt Soltys and Greg Russell from VHB - the project design consultants. Mr. Shalek explained that his company would be starting work next week - erosion controls should be ready for inspections early in the week. He explained that his equipment would be stored near Boundary St. in front of the Children's' center on the grass strip next to Rte. 20. He will be doing the drainage connections and there are a few sections of the roadway that must be widened. Most material will be hauled off site, not much stockpiling. He discussed the rip-rap slope where the roadway is to be widened for the sidewalk near Ames St. The Commission expressed concern with the timing of this project and watching the weather, as during some storm events water overtops Rte. 20 at this location.

Greg Russel explained that VHB would be doing the construction inspections and submitting the SWPPP reports. Erosion controls will include silt sacs on all catch basins in the work area. Some already are in place from ETL's work and some will be added. Mr. Demers noted that the area they are staging used to be an old gas station; so, they may want to be sure there are no gas tanks when they are doing the widening. The work will take 2-3 months. They expect to be completed by August. There was some discussion about the sewer line connection into the roadway and the stabilization of the rip-rap slope. After some discussion about planning for the weather, keeping the site clean during construction and a preconstruction meeting on site, the Commission thanked Mr.'s Shalek, Soltys and Russell for coming in and expected this busy roadway to be a challenge; but that they ought to be able to keep things clean and protective of the City's water supply.

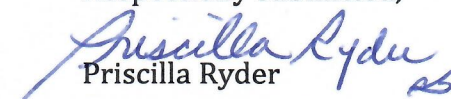
#### **Correspondence/Other Business:**

- Letter from DCR, dated May 5, 2017 RE: Operation and Maintenance inspection for the Tyler flood control dam. - this correspondence was reviewed and placed on file.
- Emergency Certificate - Ms. Ryder noted that Beaver Solutions Inc. will be out to the Cider Knoll beaver dam on May 25<sup>th</sup> to install a beaver pipe in order to lower the water level of the pond 2-3 feet. This will be protective of the septic system that exists on McNeil Circle. The Commission voted 5-0 to issue the emergency certificate and signed the form.
- School Group education - Ms. Ryder has been asked to take kids to the Felton Conservation Land for an outdoor classroom experience. Ms. Paquin will help too.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Priscilla Ryder  
Conservation Officer