

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
May 4, 2017 (Thursday)
Marlborough City Hall – 3rd Floor, Memorial Hall
7:00 PM**

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

Absent: None

Discussion:

- DEP 212-1187 Rte. 20 Improvements – Apex Center – Discussion with contractor as required in the Order of Conditions. – the contractor was not yet ready, so this item was continued to the next meeting.

- DEP 212-1158 DPW yard improvement – review of updated plans as required in Order of Conditions. Per the Order of Condition #41 for the DPW yard details on the slope next to the brook were not available during the hearing due to snow cover and required the city engineer to return with more details when the snow melted. Tom DiPersio, City Engineer and Ted Scott, Assistant Commissioner of Operations were both present to explain the next phase of the DPW yard improvements related to the stream bank. Mr. DiPersio explained that they had surveyed the stream bank. They found that the section of bank next to the new salt shed to about where the water line was installed is very steep. The best treatment for this area will be to grade it at a 2:1 slope and armor it with rip rap, with heavy stone at the bottom to avoid erosion. The lower area has a gentler slope and they are proposing to plant it with vegetation. Some types were discussed. Ms. Ryder will provide a list to the DPW of plants that would hold the slope and adapt to some water level changes. The Commission asked about the current salt shed. Mr. Scott explained that it is per design, they haven't decided which side the loading ramp will be located, but have concluded it will not be on the brook side of the shed. They expect to pave under the shed in a few weeks. The berm along the top of the slope will leave a 3' shoulder for stability and will allow the grading on the slope as discussed. After some discussion about the phasing of the plan and the installation of the permanent detention basin, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the slope by the brook as designed and shown on plan titled: "DPW site improvements - Construction plan update: Slope stabilization" dated 5-3-17 prepared by DPW. Planting plan for lower section still to be reviewed and approved.

- 181 Cullinane Dr. – The owner Mr. Leipold explained that after he received the Determination of Applicability from the Commission for the addition, the building inspector and architect discovered that they needed to replace the full foundation for the house. They will jack up the

house to pour the new foundation. Because this is additional work, Chairman Clancy explained that they would need to file formally for a new Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) to cover this additional work. The Commission assured him it would be approved, however, because it is more work than originally discussed the new permit would cover this new work. Ms. Ryder will contact the building department to convey same. The Commission asked that Mr. Leipold bring someone to the next meeting who can describe the work to be done and stockpile etc. additional erosion controls should be shown as well. Mr. Leipold will file tomorrow for the meeting of May 18th.

Other Business/Correspondence/Discussion: The Commission reviewed the following correspondence and voted unanimously to accept and place on file.

- National Grid – RE: Yearly Operational Plan – letter dated April 24, 2017
 - Letter from Dept. of Agricultural Resources – RE: Request for exclusion from wide-area applications for mosquito control pesticide applications.
 - Letter from Dept. of Environmental Protection – dated April 14, 2017 RE: Water Quality Certification – Maple St. (Rte 85)
 - Memo from TRC, dated: April 19, 2017 RE: New England Power Co. – copy of a Request for 401 Water Quality Certification.
 - Memo from TRC, dated: April 24, 2017 RE: New England Power Co. – Proofs for Public Notice publication from the Environmental Monitor and the Metro West Daily News for the 401 Water Quality Certification application.
 - Letter from amec foster wheeler – RE: 2017 Yearly Operational Plan for right of way management – CSX Transportation, Inc.
- Three AmeriCorps volunteers attended the hearing. They are working for FEMA region 1 and as part of their training they were asked to attend a local municipal meeting to observe. The Commission welcomed them and discussed their work.

Meetings – Next Conservation meetings – May 18th and June 1st, 2017 (Thursdays)

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Priscilla Ryder
Conservation Officer