

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

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

Absent: None

Public Hearing:

Notice of Intent (continuation)

149 Hayes Memorial Dr. - Marlborough/Northborough Land Realty Trust

This item was continued to the November 16, 2017 agenda.

Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation

431 Bolton St. Marlborough High School - City of Marlborough

Charlotte Cogswell, of CR Environmental Inc. was present representing the City. She indicated that one of her colleagues had flagged the wetland as shown on the plans. The request before the Commission is to review and confirm the wetland resource areas on this property on Poirier Dr. as shown on the plans in the application. The area is predominately a red maple swamp with an isolated wet/drainage area behind the skating rink (along the edge of the playing field). Although it contains wet vegetation and clearly drains water, they had the area measured to determine the volume it will hold. It was determined to hold .11acre ft. which is less than the .25 acre requirements for ILSF. The Commission agreed that this area was a drainage from the ice melt from the rink. Ms. Ryder noted that she had walked the site several months ago with one of their representative, who did the flagging and moved a few flags which are reflected on the plans submitted. The Chairman made note of the Commission's 20' no disturb wetland buffer zone and made it clear that it is a no disturb area. He also noted problems with erosion along Red Spring Rd. from the two streams leaving this site which should be considered in any design. After some discussion about the other two wetland areas and drainage issues that are currently a problem, the Commission decided that a site walk was required and set a date of Saturday Nov. 11, at 1:00 PM for the site walk

Discussion:

- Apex – DEP 212-1187 Road improvement work - Tom DiPersio, City Engineer, and Grog Russell consultant from VHB presented a revised plan showing the sidewalk construction between Millham Brook and Ames St. along Rte. 20. The existing drainage pipe from Ames St. is quite low and they are proposing to extend this pipe to Millham Brook and fill over it to create a gentler slope that can be vegetated. The overland swale will be re-established as well to accommodate overland flow from Ames St. Mr. Clancy asked about flood storage and whether this work will fill in any of the flood storage area, since the stream has been observed to overtop Boston Post Rd. during times of heavy rain. Mr. Russell explained that the FEMA elevation is 291.4 in this location of the headwall; therefore, the filling for the

pipe and swale would not impact this elevation. Mr. Demers asked about the bedding for the pipe and if it could be larger stone to help "store flood waters" given what we know about the stream characteristics. After some discussion, it was agreed that 3-5" cut stone should be used. Ms. Demers noted that in previous discussions, he had requested that the portion of the sewer line not replaced from the new line to Rte. 20, should be inspected with a camera to ensure it is in good condition. Mr. DiPersio agreed this would be done. After further discussion, the Commission voted unanimously 7-0 to accept the revised plan and cross section provided as a minor change to the plans.

Certificate of Compliance:

- DEP 212-576 and 212-828 Lacombe St. – this item was continued to next meeting
- DEP 212-1161 25 Gikas Lane - Ms. Ryder noted that all the conditions of the Order of Conditions have been met and she'd inspected the site. The Commission voted 7-0 unanimously to issue a full certificate of compliance for this lot with ongoing conditions as required.

Emergency Certificate

- Marlborough Country Club - 298 Concord Rd. – emergency repair of irrigation line-Ratify - Ms. Ryder noted that the country club has detected a leak in the line under the brook closest to Rte. 20 which needs to be fixed, so they aren't losing any more water. The Commission voted unanimously 7-0 to ratify the Emergency Certificate that was issued for this work.

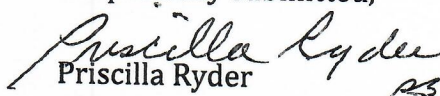
Correspondence and other business:

- SuAsCo Cisma – request for support, letter from Alison Field-Juma 9/25/17- Chairman Clancy asked that Ms. Ryder check the budget to see if a membership fee would be acceptable. This was continued to the next meeting.
- SVT RFP Memorial Forest/Desert Natural Area – additional mowing SVT request - Ms. Ryder explained that there are several funding opportunities that will allow for mowing of the burn area in the Desert to maintain and manage the pitch pine scrub oak habitat. The Commission indicated that as long as the grants are free from city obligation of funds, we should pursue them.
- K9 Training request to use conservation land – from Massachusetts Rescue and Recovery K9 unit. - Ms. Ryder indicated that she had an e-mail requesting to use conservation land as part of this dog training mission and wanted to know if we would allow it. The Commission asked about any liability issues; and what the length of time the property would be used (weekly or occasionally) after some discussion, Ms. Ryder was asked to get these questions answered before deciding.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Priscilla Ryder

Conservation Officer