

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
March 15, 2012 (Thursday)  
Marlborough City Hall – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Memorial Hall  
7:00 P.M.**

**Members Present:** Edward Clancy-Chairman, John Skarin, Dennis Demers, Dave Williams, Lawrence Roy and Priscilla Ryder-Conservation Officer

**Absent:** Michele Higgins and Allan White

**Public Hearings:**

**Request for Determination of Applicability**

**52 Paquin Dr. - Kenneth Vonasek**

Proposes to remove and replace existing concrete sidewalks, add steps and add some planting beds though out the yard, near Ft. Meadow Reservoir.

Ken Vonasek was present and explained that they would like to remove the existing walkways and replace them with pavers. They will be doing a better entrance definition and installing several garden beds near the front of the house and along the back wall above the lake. They have a landscape contractor who will do the work, and had a landscape architect design the flower beds and will be installing some ornamental rocks as well. The Commission decided that although the work is near the lake, the work is minor in nature and as described should have no impact to the lake.

The Commission voted unanimously 5-0 to issue a negative Determination of Applicability with no conditions, thus Mr. Vonasek can proceed with his project.

**Notice of Intent (Cont. - Review Draft Conditions)**

**379 Sudbury St. – Chris Mahoney of RE/MAX One Call Realty**

Proposes to repair the existing septic system near wetlands.

The applicant was not present, but had provided a new plan dated Rev. 2/24/2012 “Relocated Foundation Drain” showing the foundation drain location. Ms. Ryder indicated that the Board of Health has also approved the septic system plans for this project. The Commission closed the hearing and reviewed a draft order of conditions.

The Commission voted unanimously to accept the Order of Conditions as drafted and amended.

**Draft Order of Conditions**

- DEP 212-1089 MWRA Carroll Water Treatment Plant on D'Angelo Dr. - to install a 120" valve connection and associated electrical work near the open channel. Review Draft Conditions

The Commission reviewed the draft Order of Conditions for this project and made some changes to allow straw wattles to be used. The Commission voted 5-0 to issue the Order of Conditions as drafted and amended.

**Discussion/Other Business**

- Water main break at Bigelow St. under North Branch Brook - Mr. Clancy said he saw this break for the water line. The DPW got it under control and were able to isolate the leak. The DPW will file in the near future for a full repair of this line which is buried under the brook.
- License for use on Map 48 Parcel 32 - Open Space (next to Marlborough Nissan)- Ms. Ryder drafted a letter to city council regarding this request for a license agreement to use a portion of this open space for a driveway to solve an access issue. The Commission reviewed the letter and agreed it could be sent.
- Proposed trail at Lake Williams - Ms. Ryder explained that there is a desire by the Mayor and DPW to install a walking trail around Lake Williams. There will be no swimming, no dogs, and no motorized vehicles. The Commission said this is OK, but the DPW should file for a permit to do this work since some of the work will be near the wetlands and the city's drinking water supply.

**Correspondence**

**The following correspondence was reviewed and the Commission voted to accept and place on file, with additional actions as noted:**

- Memo from NSTAR – RE: Natural Gas Pipe Replacement-Maple St. Ms. Ryder was asked to have NSTAR notify them when this work is to be done.
- Community Garden meeting flier- Ms. Ryder showed the Commission the new flier for the Community Garden and encouraged members to come to the meeting.
- Project Clean Sweep 2012 – April 28<sup>th</sup> - flier
- Letter to David Coughlin, dated March 2, 2012 RE: Boy Scout Project-Trail at Jericho Hill
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day – May 19, 2012 (9:00 am – 12:00 pm) – 860 Boston Post Rd. East.

**Project Updates:**

- 24 Hager St. - Ms. Ryder indicated she would send a follow up letter to ensure that the stream edge gets planted and that the rocks are removed.
- Desert Area habitat restoration project – a meeting is going to be held in Sudbury on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 if anyone wants to attend and learn about this project.

- 79 Chase Rd. - Ms. Ryder indicated she has been approached by the homeowners who want to install a retaining wall in their yard near a wetland because their land keeps sinking. Ms. Ryder showed the Commission several options. The Commission said that if the wall is outside the 20' buffer zone, that would be best. They will file shortly.

**Meetings** – Next Conservation Commission meetings – April 5<sup>th</sup>, and April 19, 2012 (Thursdays)

**Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Ryder  
Conservation Officer