

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes**

**February 6, 2014 (Thursday)  
Marlborough City Hall – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Memorial Hall  
7:00 PM**

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

**Absent:** Dennis Demers and Allan White

**Approval of Minutes:** The following minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved- August 18, 2011; May 17<sup>th</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup> and 21, 2012 ; Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup> and July 18<sup>th</sup>, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, September 5<sup>th</sup> and September 19<sup>th</sup>, and October 3, 2013.

**Public Hearings:**

**Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation**

**200 Forest St. - Forest Park 200 Forest St.**

Brian Lawlor and Julie Sterns and Will Park from SMMA, and Joe Zinc from Atlantic Properties were present. Mr. Lawlor explained that they had now flagged all the wetlands on the 100 acres site and would like approval of the remaining two wetland systems that have not previously been reviewed. These are shown as wetland A and E on the plans. He noted that in March 2013, the portion of the site which will contain the Avalon project was flagged and his wetlands were approved. Wetland A includes the area below the detention basin proposed for the Avalon project and is a wetland defined by steep slopes and is feed by surface and groundwater. Wetland E is a large wetland system along the property line next to I-495. Ms. Ryder indicated she had checked the wetland boundary with the consultants and agreed with the flagging. Inspection was done on Monday prior to the snow storm, so the ground was visible. After some discussion the Commission voted unanimously 4-0 to issue a positive determination and to accept the wetland boundaries as presented.

**Notice of Intent**

**93 Framingham Rd. - Melanson Development Group Inc. – Walker Brook Estates  
Subdivision**

Scott Smyers of Oxbow Associates, Ed Melanson the property owner, and Bruce Saluk of Bruce Saluk and Associates PE were present. Mr. Smyers explained that an ANRAD was done a while ago which verified the wetland boundary at the base of the hill and identified the riverfront area and inner and outer riparian zones which are reflected on this subdivision plan. The plan is for the approval of the roadway and drainage & utilities only, not for the individual house lots. The erosion control line on the plans will serve as the limit of work. Mr. Saluk explained the drainage systems, detention basins,

infiltration chambers, and discussed two infiltration chambers/dry wells which will be located on lots 5 & 6. The Commission discussed these chambers at length. They are part of the subdivision drainage structures and will be on private property. How will they be maintained and by whom? The Commission asked Ms. Ryder to discuss with the City Engineer since this is a new system. The dry well design is 17 ½ x 6 ½ feet in size. The Commission wondered if they should be under the driveway rather than back yard to avoid impact with landscaping, sheds, pools etc. in the future. The details of the detention basin were reviewed as well including the weir design. They discussed the construction sequencing plan etc. The Commission will wait for comments from the City Engineer and with the applicants consent continued the hearing to the next meeting on Feb. 20, 2014.

**Certificate of Compliance:**

- DEP 212-938 29 Bartlett St. – Full Certificate of Compliance - Ms. Ryder said she received the as-built plan and documentation that the drainage system has been cleaned. All conditions of the Order of Conditions have been met. The Commission voted 4-0 to issue a full Certificate of Compliance with the ongoing conditions as required.

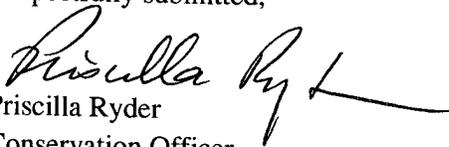
**Correspondence/Other Business:** The following correspondences were reviewed and the Commission voted to accept and place on file.

- Letter to Mayor Vigeant dated January 24, 2014 RE: Acceptance of Gift of \$2,000 to Conservation Maintenance Fund – Felton Conservation Land
- Letter to Mayor Vigeant dated January 27, 2014 RE: Conservation Commission reappointments and resignation
- Letter from Dept. of Environmental Protection, dated Jan. 24, 2014 RE: Water Quality Certification Application for BRP WP10, Major Project at Ames St. Marlborough, MA DEP 212-1117
- City of Marlborough Dept. of Public Works – Vegetation Management Plan for Calendar Years 2014 thru 2018.

**Meetings:** Next Conservation Commission meetings: February 20, 2014 and March 6, 2014 (Thursdays)

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM

Respectfully submitted,

  
Priscilla Ryder  
Conservation Officer