

**Conservation Commission**      **Approved Feb 1, 2024**  
**Minutes**  
**January 4, 2024 - 7:00 PM**  
**140 Main St. – Marlborough City Hall – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor (Memorial Hall)**

**Members Present:** Edward Clancy-Chairman, Allan White, William Dunbar, John Skarin, Karin Paquin, Dennis Demers, Dave Williams; also present, Priscilla Ryder-Conservation officer & new Associate Member Liz Austin

**Members Absent:** none

The hearing was recorded using Microsoft Teams

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of December 21, 2023 were reviewed, on a motion by Mr. White second by chair, the Commission voted unanimously to approve 7-0.

**Public hearings**

**Notice of Intent**

**1-7 Cullinane Dr – Tom DiPersio Marlborough DPW-** (continued from Dec. 21 meeting)

*Upgrade drainage by the addition of an 18" reinforced concrete pipe, located next to existing 18" pipe.*

*Replacement of existing wall with prefabricated concrete blocks. Work near Ft. Meadow Reservoir.*

(Review draft Order of Conditions)

Tom DiPersio city engineer – Hired Blue Diamond construction low bidder knows what they need to do. Frank Mahoney & Dan Mahoney were both present from Blue Diamond Construction. Mr. Demers and Mr. White asked detailed questions about construction sequencing, wall type, machines to be used etc. Mr. Mahoney explained the sequencing to be done and machine to be used, no stockpiling will occur on site, everything will be hauled out, the steps they are going to take are as follows 1. Drain line temporary pipe extend beyond work area 2. Remove silt, 3. Demolish walls and remove all materials from site, 4. Large blocks machine placed for wall, build foundation, then build wall, 5. Add new 18" pipe. 6. Catch basin with deep sump to be installed at street. 7. Restore pipe cover, repair lawns and patios and restore all areas, 8. Add sand to restore beaches. They will use sandbags and mats during construction to direct flows and prevent erosion. Work should take about 1 month, weather permitting. Lots of discussion about material, sequence, pipe and catchbasins sizes and if it will handle the flows.

Questions from the audience,

- Babs Fenby of 1 Cullinane Dr. noted that considerable amount of water flows down Westernview Dr. and across her yard when it can't get into catch basin. She was concerned about her retaining wall between her house and her neighbors at 7 Cullinane, wants to be sure that isn't affected.
- A butter across the street was concerned that even with the new basin it would not accept the flows.
- The owner of 7 Cullinane Dr. expressed concern with the pressure of the water, her driveway has been washed away before and she'd like to prevent that again, she also noted she has foundation drains around her house she put in at great expense, so wants to be sure these aren't disturbed. She asked about guarantees and who would fix if it failed?

- Daniel Lott asked about how much silt would be removed.

Mr. DiPersio and Mr. Mahoney explained that written agreements with the city would be required with each homeowner affected, they are working to correct an undersized system, this solution will help most storms, but will not help the huge storms we've been having but should make it better. Mr. Skarin asked if they could add a swale and notch the wall to ensure that any overflow water has a place to go if it can't get into the pipe. After further discussion the Commission was satisfied that the contractor has a good grasp of the problem and had no further questions. Because a DEP # had not been issued by the state yet, it was agreed to Continue this hearing to January 18<sup>th</sup>, unless a DEP # is issued before then, in which case an emergency meeting will be held and posted to issue the permit.

#### **Notice of Intent**

**686 Forest St. Charles Doty – Continued from Dec. 7, 2023)**

*Construction of a 60,000 square foot commercial use building. Work near wetlands. (Review draft order of conditions)*

Scott Doty of John Crowe and Assoc. and Brian Joans of Allen and Major were present, Mr. Jones reviewed the revisions to the plan that were made based on Commission comments and those of Site Plan Review. Minor changes to the striping and some utilities were made, no change to areas next to wetlands. Mr. Jones and Mr. Doty have reviewed the draft conditions as well provided some changes to the wording that were reviewed and seemed reasonable to the Commission #48, 52, 44 were all corrected. As no DEP # has been issued for this project the Commission continued this hearing to January 18<sup>th</sup>, at which time, if a DEP# has been issued, the Commission will close the hearing and review the draft order of conditions.

#### **Certificate of Compliance**

**DEP 212-506- 689 Pleasant St. Request full Certificate of Compliance-** in order to clear the title of this old Order of Conditions the commission on a motion by Mr. White and Second by Chair to issue a full certificate of compliance for this old project which has been completed, the commission voted unanimously to approve 7-0.

#### **Discussion / Correspondence/Other Business**

- 541 Pleasant St. violation resolution update- Mr. Cowell had informed Ms. Ryder that he is still waiting for the survey plans, and will hopefully provide these at the January 18, 2-24 meeting.

**Next Conservation Commission meetings, January 18 & February 1, 2024**

**Adjournment,** there being no further business on a motion by Mr. White second by Mr. Clancy to adjourn, the Commission voted unanimously to approve 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM

**Respectfully submitted.**

Priscilla Ryder  
Conservation/ Sustainability Officer  
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