

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes

May 2, 2019 (Thursday)

Marlborough City Hall – 3rd Floor, Memorial Hall

7:00 PM

Present: Ed Clancy - Chairman, David Williams, Allan White, Dennis Demers, John Skarin, Karin Paquin, William Dunbar, and Priscilla Ryder-Conservation Officer.

Absent: None

Public Hearings:

Request for Determination

Donald Lynch Blvd. - City of Marlborough - DPW

Tom DiPersio, City Engineer, explained that the city is proposing to repave and realign Donald Lynch Blvd. Including sidewalk on bridge across the Assabet River. No widening of existing pavement is proposed in buffer zone. The entire road from River Rd. to the first driveway at the mall will be milled, realigned and repaved. A sidewalk is being added to the bridge for pedestrian access. This will be fit within the existing bridge walls, some grading up to the bridge to accommodate the sidewalk and work on the bridge deck will be required. Erosion controls will be installed along the abutments as shown on the plan to prevent anything from washing into the river. There was some discussion about protection on the bridge to prevent washout into the river, which was addressed. The project has been bided on and will be done in the summer. After some additional discussion, the Commission closed the hearing and voted unanimously 7-0 to issue a negative determination with standard conditions regarding notification and erosion control inspection.

Request for Determination of Applicability (Continuation)

488 Farm Rd. - Luis Torres

Mr. Torres noted that Ms. Ryder and Ms. Paquin had visited the site after the last meeting. Based on the site visit Ms. Ryder marked up and provided a revised plan showing the areas where Mr. Torres would like to work and install a fence, extend the driveway, remove trees, bittersweet and poison ivy. Mr. Torres also explained where he'd like to plant some willow trees, blueberry bushes and garden beds as well as fruit trees. The Commission discussed the need to plant some shrubs along the bank of the brook to establish a deep root system that will help provide bank stability. They also discussed the need to remove invasive plants that will strangle the trees. After some discussion, the Commission voted unanimously 7-0 to issue negative determination with conditions that references the diagram Ms. Ryder provided and includes a list of native plants acceptable for use along the bank from which Mr. Torres can choose.

Discussion:

- DEP 212-1104 Sudbury Sewer Project – DPW-Next phase pre-construction discussion - Mr. DiPersio explained that based on the discovery of an existing septic system within the proposed sewer

alignment, he has made some slight changes to shift the stream crossing slightly to allow for the line to avoid the septic system. He asked the Commission how this should be addressed. The Commission discussed whether this should be a minor change, given that the Order of Conditions still covers it, but also noted that the plans have changed. They asked Ms. Ryder to check with DEP on the appropriate action to take. She will check with DEP.

- Avalon Orchards – DEP 212-831 - review Conservation Restrictions - this is not yet ready – the Commission continued this to the next meeting.
- Lake Williams – “Washington Park” – DPW – Design Proposal - Justin DeMarco of the DPW had provided a revised plan and design proposal for the area next to the court house that had been cleared. It notes where proposed turf would be planted and where they intend to add a meadow mix. The plan included Phase 1 for immediate actions and Phase 2 for long term maintenance. The Commission reviewed this and approved this design proposal with a slight edit that the wetland area which is going to be allowed to grow back be shown on the plan as well. Ms. Ryder will provide a letter to the DPW with same.
- 159 Langelier Ln. – Violation update - the owners have been in touch and have indicated they will be filing an NOI shortly.
- DEP 212-1156 85 Dufresne Dr. – Update - Ms. Ryder noted that the area had been staked, but the stakes did not match the plan, she has asked them to review again and will let everyone know when she will be going back out to inspect.
- DEP 212-1155 81 Dufresne Dr. – updated plans - Dale McKinney for Guerriere and Halnon was present. He provided a revised plan showing two walls along the wetland side of the house intended to terrace the slope in order to decrease the steep grade. They have 9' from house to the face of the wall. They have labeled the drainage pathway behind the house as requested at the last meeting. The stonewalls will be dry set and placed on crushed stone footings. Mr. Dunbar asked whether the top wall could be extended to the same length as the bottom wall to ensure the slope is achieved, as presented it is still steep. Mr. McKinney agreed to make this change to the plan. The Commission voted 7-0 to unanimously approve the plan that will be amended as noted. This was a minor change.
- Panther Trail – construction plan and update – Ms. Ryder noted that she has received 25 people and several groups who have offered to volunteer to help with the Boroughs Loop Trail/Panther Trail. Ms. Ryder and Ms. Paquin will be leading work crews on Saturdays through the end of August. The goal is to have the trail completed by October 5th for a grand opening celebration.

Certificate of Compliance

- DEP 212-831 Avalon Orchards – Boston Post Rd. – Full Certificate- Continue to next meeting.
- DEP 212-964 226-238 Berlin Rd. – Berlin Farms – Full Certificate- continue to next meeting

Emergency Certificate:

- 638 Pleasant St. – Central Mass. Mosquito Control – Breaching of beaver dam to alleviate flooding upstream. The Commission reviewed the document and voted unanimously 7-0 to approve/ratify the Emergency Certificate issued to remove the beaver dam.
- Bolton St. roadway repair – replacement of existing culvert that was found to be collapsed when the roadway was being repaved. Ms. Ryder noted that during the repaving work the DPW discovered that the drainage pipe had collapsed, to keep on schedule with the paving work, Ms. Ryder issued an Emergency Certificate to allow this work to be done. The Commission reviewed the document and voted unanimously 7-0 to ratify the Emergency Certificate issued.

Correspondence/Other Business:


The following correspondence were reviewed, and the Commission voted to accept and place on file.

- Letter to Eagle Scout Andrew Desmarais, dated April 22, 2019 – Eagle Scout Court of Honor – from Priscilla Ryder
- Notice of Public Hearing -Town of Hudson Planning Board – April 16, 2019 - Application for Site Plan Approval for improvements at the Town Beach Recreation Area at 89 Fort Meadow Dr.
- Letter from Wood Environmental & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. – RE: 2019 Yearly Operational Plan for Right of Way Management CSX Transportation, Inc.

Next Meeting - May 16, 2019 (Thursday)

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Priscilla Ryder
Conservation Officer