

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes

June 6, 2019 (Thursday)

Marlborough City Hall – 3rd Floor, Memorial Hall

7:00 PM

Present: Edward Clancy, Dennis Demers, John Skarin, Karin Paquin, and William Dunbar. Also present was Priscilla Ryder-Conservation Officer.

Absent: David Williams and Allan White

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of May 16, 2019 were reviewed and unanimously approved 5-0.

Public Hearings:

Request for Determination of Applicability

215 Maple St. – Fire Station - The City of Marlborough

Dennis Ingham who works for the City Facilities Dept. part time was present. He explained that he was given the Emergency Certificate at the last meeting to replace the emergency generator and remove the underground storage tank behind the Central Fire Station next to a stream and for the removal of the underground storage tank with the oversight of an LSP. The soil from under the tank has been stockpiled and covered until the test results come back and the soil will be shipped out to an appropriate location. The old generator has been removed as well. There is a temporary generator on site at the moment. The new generator is to be installed on June 15th. They will need to extend the old pad by 3'. Ms. Ryder noted that erosion controls are in place and everything looks stable. There being no further questions, the hearing was closed. The Commission voted unanimously 5-0 to issue a negative determination with the conditions that were included on the Emergency Certificate.

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22 Hutchinson Dr. – Andrew Mercurio, contractor

Mr. Mercurio from ARM Construction and Management Inc. was present representing the owner. He explained that the back yard of 22 Hutchinson Dr. is very wet. He was hired to replace the patio, but found the bricks and house foundation were sitting in standing water. He did a test trench to see if he could draw the water away from the foundation, it seemed to work. He is proposing to add some stone trenches with perforated pipes to help drain the water away from the foundation and from under the patio to dry out the area around the house and the yard. Because the grades are flat, he must run it to the edge of the yard that abuts wetlands, so he contacted Ms. Ryder and was instructed to file for a permit

for this work. He marked up the original as-built plan to show the drainage locations. Mr. Demers noted that the perforated pipe should have stone around them as described, but should also have a layer of filter fabric around that to prevent the stone from clogging. Mr. Mercurio said he would do that. He will dig 3 ½ ft. down and fill with 3 1/3" stone and filter fabric then cover with top soil and reseed.

Ms. Ryder noted that she had pointed out to both Mr. Mercurio and the homeowner the wetland replication area which has been filled with leaves and branches by the previous owner. This area need to be cleaned out to restore that wetland and also allow the water draining from under the roadway to flow more freely. This could also help with the yard wetness too, by allowing the water to pass through at a lower elevation. After some discussion, the hearing was closed, and the Commission voted unanimously 5-0 to issue a negative determination with conditions about the trench design, and the need for the wetland replication area to be cleaned out of all yard waste, in addition to standard conditions.

Certificates of Compliance:

- DEP 212-964 226-238 Berlin Rd. - Berlin Farms Subdivision – full Certificate of Compliance. Ms. Ryder noted that the lawyers have provided information to the DPW for roadway acceptance, however the detention basin is very overgrown with brush and shrubs. Ms. Ryder recommended that a full Certificate of Compliance be issued, but to hold it until the detention basin cleaning has occurred to the DPW satisfaction. The Commission voted unanimously 5-0 to issue a full Certificate of Compliance for this subdivision and to hold it until the detention basin has been addressed.


Correspondence/Other Business

- Letter from University of Mass. Amherst, Dated: May 15, 2019 RE: Cost of Community service analyses – address questions about the fiscal impacts of open space. Mr. Clancy noted that he had reviewed this document and it has good information on how to compare and evaluate taxes coming in from a property and expenses going out for “community services provided” to evaluate benefits to the community and value of open space.
- 69 Collins Dr. – violation notice - Ms. Ryder noted that the owners had removed a bunch of trees and shrubs and placed all the wood chips into the wetland. The Violation notice requires these to be removed and the area restored as outlined.

- The Commission reviewed the notice and some photos and voted unanimously 5-0 to ratify this violation notice.
- 85 Dufresne Dr. - Ms. Ryder noted she has received an e-mail from Brian Hassett of Guerriere & Halnon Inc. regarding some tree removal and grading changes to the left (north) of the garage. The Commission noted that this is not minor and a full amendment to the Order of Conditions should be formally requested to allow this change. Ms. Ryder will convey.
- Rte. 20 MassDOT - Mr. Demers asked if anyone had notified the Commission about work around Lake Williams. Silt sacks in the roadway were observed this evening as if work was anticipated. Ms. Ryder has heard nothing on this and will inquire to Engineering in the morning.

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM (in time to watch the Boston Bruins playoff game)

Respectfully submitted,


Priscilla Ryder
Conservation Officer. 