

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes  
April 19, 2018 (Thursday)  
Marlborough City Hall – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Memorial Hall  
7:00 PM**

**Acceptance of Minutes:** Minutes of April 5, 2018 were reviewed and voted unanimously to accept as edited.

**Members Present:** Edward Clancy-Chairman, Allan White, John Sakrin, William Dunbar, David Williams and Karin Paquin. Also, Priscilla Ryder – Conservation Officer.

**Absent:** Dennis Demers

**Public Hearings:**

Notice of Intent

228 Littlefield Ln. - Neil Goulding

Valeria Cost of Godard consulting and Mr. Goulding, the owner, were both present. Mr. Costa explained that they want to construct a 693 S.f. pool and deck area behind the house. Work is within the 100' buffer zone but, no work is proposed in the 20' buffer zone. Ms. Ryder noted that she and Mr. Dunbar inspected the new wetland flagging. Several flags were moved based on the site visit which are reflected on the revised plan provided

The slope behind the pool will be 3:1. Chairman Clancy asked whether there should be a flatter shelf between the edge of the pool and the slope. He asked if the building department has weighed in. There was discussion about cut and fill for this project and if any fill will need to be imported to make the grade. The 20' wetland buffer will be permanently marked in the field when this work is done. Haybales and silt fencing will be used as erosion control and will be placed just above the 20' buffer zone location. If dewatering is needed they will install a dewatering basin.

After some discussion, the Commission closed the hearing and voted unanimously 6-0 to issue a standard Order of Conditions noting the additional above and the following: 1. If based on requirements of the building department, the pool needs to shift closer to the wetland, then the applicant will be required to return to the Commission for an amended plan. If the pool moves further away from the wetland then no further review would be required. 2. Because this pool and back yard is so close to the wetland, the Commission recommends the owners use organic practices to manage the yard in order to better protect the species of plants animals, insects and reptiles that use this area as their homes.

Notice of Intent (Continuation) – Draft Conditions

149 Hayes Memorial Dr. - Marlborough/Northborough Land Realty Trust

Israel Lopez of Gutierrez Co. and Will Park of SMMA were both present. Mr. Park indicated that Tom DiPersio had reviewed the plans and approved the drainage calculations. Ms. Ryder concurred. As that was the only item the Commission was waiting for, the hearing was closed.

The Commission reviewed a set of draft conditions that had been further amended. The Commission reviewed them and made a few edits, including for #49 that the O&M plan run with the land and not the deed. Mr. Park also noted that there is an existing Order of Conditions on the project and that they

have requested a Certificate of Compliance for that since it was never started. Ms. Ryder noted this will go on the next agenda. There being no further discussion, the Commission voted unanimously 6-0 to issue the Order of Conditions as drafted and amended.

**Discussion:** - All discussion items were continued to the May 17<sup>th</sup> agenda.

- Review Apex snow removal practice.
- Felton Conservation Land – annual mowing license renewal
- Panther Trail permit process update

**Correspondence/Other Business:**

- MWRA Wachusett Aqueduct Pumping Station – Order of Conditions (212-1132) Letter dated 3/28/2018 – regarding minor changes. Ms. Ryder noted that she had walked the site with Mary White from the MWRA. The additional work they are doing is within the existing open channel which is considered to be part of the water conveyance system for the MWRA and is exempt from our review. The rest of the project governed by the Order of Conditions, DEP 212-1132, is underway and some spring cleanup was needed but, in general the project is moving along well. The Commission requested that Ms. Ryder let the MWRA know they agree this is an exempt activity and no further review is necessary.
- OAR – Water Quality Monitoring Program Final Report 2017 Field Season – Feb. 2018 – Ms. Ryder noted the availability of this report if anyone wanted to read it.
- E-mail – Withdraw generic trail construction Notice of Intent. – Ms. Ryder noted that she and Ms. Paquin met with DEP and determined that the project would need a more specific Notice of Intent and not a generic permit. The project has been withdrawn. A new Notice of Intent will be submitted for the next meeting.

**Adjournment** – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Priscilla Ryder" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Priscilla Ryder  
Conservation Officer