

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
December 5, 2019 (Thursday)
Marlborough City Hall – 3rd Floor, Memorial Hall
7:00 PM**

Present: Edward Clancy-Chairman, David Williams, Dennis Demers, and John Skarin.
Also present was Priscilla Ryder-Conservation Officer

Absent: Allan White, Karin Paquin; and William Dunbar

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of November 21, 2019 were unanimously approved 4-0 as written.

Public Hearings:

Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation

339 Boston Post Rd. – WP Marlborough MA Owner LLC (formerly Heritage aka Magee Farm)

Scott Goddard of Goddard Consulting was present to represent the applicant. Due to the snow cover, Ms. Ryder noted she had not been able to check the wetland flags, the Commission noted this will have to be scheduled once the snow melts. Mr. Goddard reviewed the plan noting that there is Riverfront, bordering vegetated wetland, isolated wetlands, bank, bordering land subject to flooding as well as an intermittent stream. The Commission noted that a color-coded plan would be easier to read. The hearing was continued to the January 9th meeting, with the hope that the snow will melt enough for the delineation to be checked before then. If not, it will be continued again until the snow is gone, and the wetland can be verified.

Notice of Intent (continuation)

107 Simarano Dr. (Green District)-Andrew Montelli-Post Road Realty LLC

Joe Peznola of Hancock Associates, Eric Rains the Landscape Architect, Scott Goddard, of Goddard Consulting; and John Shipe of Shipe Consulting were all present.

Mr. Peznola explained that after the last meeting, the Commission wanted to see some changes to the plan. He reviewed the changes made which includes: 1) Snow management plan in green and red this plan includes a) note on calculating the snow volumes anticipated; b) signage to be added; c) notes on prohibitions of the snow policy; c) snow pile locations. 2) Revised landscape plans showing the additional trees requested and bubbled out areas where trees may be needed along the edge of limit of work. Mr. Rains, Landscape Architect provided some explanation on the tree types and locations and conditions needed when ledge is close by. Chairman Clancy asked about tree sizes and issue of ledge. Mr. Rains explained that the trees to be planted along these

edges will be smaller in caliper as this will help them grow in these less than ideal areas.

Mr. Peznola noted that DEP has issued a DEP # 212-1215 and also some comments. They provided a memo that responds to the DEP issues as follows:

1. Vernal pool impacts: He noted that they are not changing any of the drainage near the Vernal Pool and the ring road is already constructed so there shouldn't be any further impact to the pool.

2. DEP noted that one of the test pits in the basin is ledge and therefore will not work. Mr. Peznola explained that there are more than 10 test pits in the largest detention basins, they believe this test pit mentioned may be a nob as the other test pits were not an issue, however they can make the adjustments in the field as that is needed to get the design volume of the basin. He also noted that the basins are "detention basins" and not "infiltrating basins", so this shouldn't be an issue. One of the infiltration pretreatment systems is within the 50' buffer zone which DEP pointed out would not be feasible. Mr. Peznola indicated this will be moved.

3. DEP commented on the grass pavers, which he noted was removed after the first meeting based on comments from MEPA.

Mr. Goddard noted that they had reviewed the draft conditions that Ms. Ryder had provided and had some comments on it. He reviewed the changes they were suggesting. One condition regarding invasive plant removal was discussed at length, Mr. Shipe wanted to be sure it was well defined and that a plan should be provided. The Commission agreed and asked Ms. Ryder to work on wording with the applicant that would work.

Mr. Peznola provided the Commission with the EPA study on turbidity standards and suggested that the limit be 280 NTU's rather than 100 NTU's as outlined in the conditions. After some discussion, the Commission said they would look into this and decide what is reasonable. The Commission also asked Ms. Ryder to get input from the City Engineer regarding the DEP comments and to report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

After further discussion, the Commission continued the hearing to January 9th in order to review the above information. If all is in order, the Commission noted that it would be reasonable to expect that the hearing could be closed then.

Certificate of Compliance:

- DEP 212-1028 38 Boivin Dr. Ms. Ryder noted she did an inspection of this property two weeks ago before the snow and all items have been addressed and site is stable. The Commission voted unanimously 4-0 to issue a full Certificate of Compliance for this project.

Discussion/and project updates

- 178 Simpson Dr. – Enforcement Order- this item was continued to the next meeting.
- Letter – Ramp Improvements & related work at I-495 south bound and I-290 west bound - this item was reviewed and placed on file.
- Open Space Plan parcels of Conservation interest. Ms. Ryder will provide information for the next meeting.

Correspondence/Other Business


- 260 Mechanic St.- Ms. Ryder noted that the Commission has received a letter from abutters of this house asking that the city investigate work, which they believe is illegal and occurring at this property. Ms. Ryder will work with the Building Department to investigate these complaints.

Next Meeting – January 9th & 23rd , 2020.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Priscilla Ryder
Conservation Officer