

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes

June 17, 2021(Thursday)

Marlborough City Hall – 3rd Floor, Memorial Hall

7:00 PM

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

Absent: None

Public hearings:

- Request for Determination of Applicability
656 Boston Post Rd. - Global Montello Group Corp.

At the applicants request prior to the meeting the hearing was continued to July 1, 2021

Current projects and Violation updates:

- Letter to Centro Cristiano Emanuel, dated June 7, 2021, RE: Wetland Violation - \$100 fine. 814 Boston Post Rd. East.

Mr. Clancy explained that he had visited the site with Ms. Ryder and Pastor Abiud Chacon to review fill that was placed next to the parking lot and the wetland as outlined in the violation notice. Pastor Chacon was present and explained that he had put the soil there to flatten out the grass area, which they use for overflow parking, however someone – undenounced to him had placed asphalt grindings on top of the soil. He explained that after he'd met with Mr. Clancy and Ms. Ryder, he was able to get the grindings removed. Mr. Clancy confirmed it was removed. Ms. Ryder noted that the GIS map shows the location of the top of slope, she can go out with Pastor Chacon to mark the edge of slope and then the Pastor can work to remove any fill from the slope and restore the area to it's initial grades. Ms. Ryder will meet the Pastor on Tuesday June 22 to review. Pastor Chacon also expressed concern that people are always dumping over the slope since he doesn't have any gates or barriers to prevent people from accessing the parking lot when not in use. He discussed adding a chain link fence or barriers into the site. The church now owns all the buildings in this strip mall, so they now have control over the entire site. He will investigate ways to prevent dumping. The Commission noted that the city transfer station is just down the road, and suspect that if the transfer station is closed his parking lot may be a convenient place to dump. Ms. Ryder indicated that she would ask Police & Fire Dept. & Engineering if there are issues with gates or fences.

Given that the work was done without the Pastors knowledge and that dumping seems to be an issue at the site, and the fact that they took immediate action to begin correcting the problem, the Commission determined that the fine should be rescinded. On motion by Ms. Paquin second by Mr. Demers to rescind the \$100 fine assessed for this violation as noted above, the Commission voted unanimously 7-0 to rescind the fine. Ms. Ryder will inform the City Clerk.

- Letter to Joseph Biaszza, dated June 8, 2021 RE: DEP 212-1224, 178 Simpson Rd. Wetland Violation – failure to meet deadlines - \$200 fine.

Ms. Ryder noted that she had received an e-mail at 5:30 PM this evening from Mr. Joe Biaszza indicating he was out of town and would not be attending the hearing. Ms. Ryder noted that some progress had been made, the loam was delivered and spread, the plantings were to have been planted on 6/10. The Commission asked if the stumps had been removed, and if the slope that was seeded last fall had been loamed. Because the work has not yet been completed a fine should be issued for each day it is not completed. Ms. Ryder will send a letter.

- 541 Pleasant St. - Ms. Ryder indicated that she has not heard back from the owner since her e-mail asking for an update. She will reach out to him again. The Commission noted that if she hasn't heard back before the next meeting fines should be issued, as the hiring of a consultant and re-delineation of the wetland was part of the enforcement order requirements.

Discussion/Correspondence/Other Business: The following correspondences were reviewed:

- Memo from Forestry, Parks & Cemeteries Division – dated June 1, 2021 RE: Rights of Way Application
- Letter from Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solution, Inc., RE: 2021 Vegetation Management, railroad right-of-way
- Letter from Mass Audubon, dated Dec. 29, 2020
- Summer intern: Ms. Ryder noted that a summer intern will start on July 5-Aug 13 for 6 weeks and will help with trail and other work.
- Felton Conservation Land field mowing: Ms. Ryder noted that she has met with Doug Stephan has hayed quite a few fields in the area for Framingham Conservation Commission, and Sudbury Valley Trustees. Mr. Stephan is interested in haying these fields. The Commission asked Ms. Ryder to check his work in other communities. They also asked here to inquire as to who was mowing the Jackson fields on Williams St. Ms. Ryder will investigate.

Next Conservation Commission meetings: July 1st and July 22, 2021 (All these meetings will be in person at city hall as the Covid-19 emergency order has been lifted.)

Adjournment - There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. White second by Edward Clancy to adjourn, the Commission voted unanimous 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Priscilla Ryder
Conservation/Sustainability Officer