

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes

July 1, 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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of June 3, 2021 and June 17, 2021 were reviewed and unanimously approved 7-0

Public hearings:

Notice of Intent

641 Pleasant St. – Big Daddy Realty Trust

Scott Hayes from Foresite Engineering was present representing the owner. He reviewed the plans with the Commission showing the house on a lot created in 2006. The house will have an access off Fitchburg St. and will need a MDOT access permit for the curb cut. The house will also have an elevated septic system. As proposed, the project honors the 20' wetland buffer zone. They have filed with the Board of Health for septic system approval. Ms. Ryder noted that John Garside, Board of Health Director provided comments dated July 1, 2021 which she read. The letter notes that the applicant needs to provide some additional information on the plans for his review. There was some discussion about the sewer connection and why they are installing a septic system. Mr. White was concerned that this area may be too wet for a septic system. Mr. Clancy noted that the house foundation is very close to the 20' buffer zone and expressed concern that this is too close to allow for construction and ongoing maintenance. Mr. Demers indicated that some type of permanent fence barrier would be needed along the 20' buffer zone so there is no encroachment.

John Kuettner from 633 Pleasant St. asked about stormwater management and noted that his basement has flooded four times in the past 12 years. He doesn't want any additional flooding caused by this new house. He also asked about the address. Mr. Hayes noted that there was discussion about the address being changed to a Fitchburg St. address so that will be resolved soon. After some more discussion, the Commission determined that a site visit was necessary before making a decision and asked Mr. Hayes to stake the house corners, lot lines & fence and the driveway location to better orient the Commission during the site visit. A site visit was set for July 20th at 5:00 PM. The hearing was continued to the July 22, 2021 meeting.

Request for Determination of Applicability

656 Boston Post Rd. - Global Montello Group Corp.

At the applicant's request, this item was continued to July 22, 2021 as they reassess their project.

Certificate of Compliance:

- 212-1033 63 Boivin Dr. (Lot 10) - Ms. Ryder noted that this was completed sometime ago and the only item missing in the request is the deed language which the homeowner is working with his lawyer to get. On a motion by Mr. William seconded by Mr. White to issue a full Certificate of Compliance and hold it until deed language is provided, the Commission voted 6-0 Dennis Demers abstained.

Current projects and Violation updates:

- 178 Simpson Rd. - Ms. Ryder noted that work has been completed for this project and no further fines will be assessed. She showed pictures from the site visit.
- 541 Pleasant St. – Ms. Ryder noted she had visited the site and unfortunately what is growing back in the area that was cleared is mostly invasive Japanese Knotweed and Oriental Bittersweet. The owner is still looking for a wetland consultant. The Commission noted that the deadline for getting a consultant had been May 1st. They requested that Ms. Ryder inform the owner that he needs to have hired someone by August 1st and filed a Notice of Intent by September 1st. Fines will begin after August 1st if no one has been hired. The Commission unanimously agreed with this course of action.

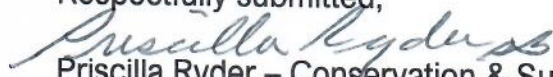
Discussion/Correspondence/Other Business:

- Mass Audubon & DCR – Forest Carbon Market Solutions A guide for Massachusetts Municipalities. - Ms. Ryder noted this is a new booklet just released for communities to read.
- Felton Conservation Land - Ms. Ryder has been in touch with Doug Stephan regarding haying of the Felton Conservation land fields. He is eager to do so and has signed the License agreement. The Commission agreed it would be good to have him on board and the agreement is just year to year so this can be the trial year to see how he does. Ms. Ryder indicated Mr. Stephan has equipment to keep the edges of the fields clear and keep them from encroaching in, similar to what Mr. Wright was able to do. The Commission voted unanimously 7-0 to issue a license to Mr. Stephan to do the mowing for this year.

Next Conservation Commission meetings: July 22nd (this is the 4th Thursday) and August 5, 2021

Adjournment - There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Demers seconded by Edward Clancy to adjourn the meeting, on a unanimous 7-0 vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Priscilla Ryder – Conservation & Sustainability Officer