

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
February 1, 2018 (Thursday)
Marlborough City Hall – 3rd Floor, Memorial Hall
7:00 PM**

Present: Edward Clancy-Chairman, David Williams, Allan White, Dennis Demers, John Skarin, Karin Paquin, and Lawrence Roy. Also present was Priscilla Ryder-Conservation Officer

Acceptance of Minutes: The Minutes of January 18, 2018 were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Public Hearing:

Request for Determination of Applicability - Continuation
103 Cullinane Dr. – 103 Cullinane Dr. LLC

Bernardo N. was present and represented the owners. He explained that they are adding a new deck onto the existing house. The deck footings are all outside the 30' zoning setback from the retaining wall at Ft. Meadow, but one corner does encroach upon 30' with some footings. The deck overhangs the yard. The Building Department had given approval, but they still needed Conservation approval. The Commission discussed the deck construction and the landscaping required. Bernardo N? did not know anything about the landscaping except that they were going to add some retaining walls below the driveway; 2 or 3 walls to terrace the yard.

After some discussion, it was clear that the yard design is not yet finalized. The Commission determined that the deck as proposed was OK, but a new filing would be needed for the landscaping. There being no further discussion, the hearing was closed and the Commission voted unanimously 7-0 to issue a negative determination with standard conditions.

Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation - Continuation
615 Williams St. – 615 Williams Street Holdings, LLC

Mark Arnold from Goddard Consulting represented the owners. He provided a revised plan dated 1-30-18 showing some additional wetland flags from just off site to better define the 100' buffer zone on the 615 Williams St. parcel. Ms. Ryder noted that she had inspected the flags and agreed they depicted the wetland on site which follows a well-defined break in slope along the utility line which is very rocky. After a brief discussion, the Commission closed the hearing and voted unanimously 7-0 to issue an Order of Resource Area Delineation approving the Bordering Vegetated Wetland, intermittent stream and buffer zone locations.

Extension Permit:

- DEP 212-1146 Ft. Meadow Weed Control - Ms. Ryder noted that Mr. Thomson has made a request to extend this Order of Conditions for another 5 years. Hudson Conservation Commission is being requested to do the same in order to continue the weed treatment program. The Commission agreed and voted unanimously 7-0 to issue a 5-year extension for this permit.

Discussion:

- 431 Poirier Dr. – Proposed elementary school – preliminary discussion.
Frank T. from Mount Vernon Group - project architects; Ben Gary of MG – site planning and environmental design and Chris Amelios, project engineer from Reading Consulting, were all present. They explained that they have been hired by the city to design a “model school” at the Poirier Dr. site that has been chosen and wanted to come to the Commission for a preliminary discussion about the project and some wetland issues they face to get some direction. Chairman Clancy asked about the site selection process but Mr. T—(?) indicated that the site had been selected prior to their being hired, so they were not part of that process. Mr. T. provided the project overview and orientation of the proposed building and sewer relocation. Mr. Gary described the layout and adjacent wetlands and retaining walls which will be 10' at the highest point and will likely be a versaloc type wall with geogrid. They expect a balanced site as far as cuts and fills, but may need to bring material in since the soil borings done are showing boulders and ledge in the area. They propose to add a sidewalk too and realign the sewer, so it is along the street and not under the new building.

They showed several sewer alignment alternatives which all have some impact on the wetland. They plan to remove the sewer line to the east side of the building and bring it up front, the connection on the west side of the building they are looking at. They have eliminated the option of directional drilling under the wetland. As designed, it would connect outside the wetland.

They discussed the need to do a little wetland filling on the east side and provide compensatory wetlands as well. The Commission discussed issues with washouts on Red Spring Rd. and the need to try to “throttle” some of the water before it gets there, if that could be analyzed and incorporated into the design that would be great. Mr. Clancy noted that there is NO detention or stormwater controls for the high school now, so if these can be corrected at all through this project that would be a benefit. Mr. Skarin asked if the whole building site could be shifted east to protect at least one wetland and buffer zone. If alteration and replication is already being done on the east side, then concentrate all the impacts there. They will take that into consideration. The removal of the sewer line on the east side would also allow for more replication area and perhaps restore a wetland area. They will hire a wetland consultant to determine that.

They also have a survey being done of the big trees on the site, so they can better plan around them and adjust the wetland replication area, so as not to disturb large trees.

They discussed construction in two phases: Phase 1 – earth work, walls and sewer relocation and grading to prepare the site first; Phase 2 - construct the building and parking areas and playground. The project will be designed to meet the stormwater regulations etc.


Correspondence/Other Business:

- Letter from Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company LLC – dated Jan. 16, 2018 RE: 2018 Mowing Program Fitchburg Lateral – Location: 188 Langelier Ln. The Commission reviewed and voted to accept and place on file.
- Road Salt - Mr. Demers noted there was a good article in the Metrowest daily news in January about Road Salt. Ms. Ryder will find and forward to the other members. The Commission discussed the issue of the closing of the Millham Reservoir treatment plant. A report is being given to the City Council.
- Apex- snow removal issue- Several commission members noted that snow piles seem to be in the wrong location and over the wall and the salt pile is uncovered. Mr. Demers noted that at Walmart there are “no snow dumping signs” on the chain link fence – perhaps this can be done for Apex too.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Priscilla Ryder
Conservation Officer