

MAYNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes, August 17, 2010, 7:27 – 8:52

PRESENT: Commission Members: John Dwyer (acting chairman), Peter Keenan, and Jessica Pfeifer.

Conservation Agent: Linda Hansen

Visitors: Bentley Bloomberg and Richard Herald (63 Parker Street); Bernard Donohue (14 Riverside Park)

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- Review minutes from 07/27/10. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (3-0) to postpone approval of the minutes until the September 7th meeting.

FINANCIAL:

- L. Hansen's salary for 08/14 to 08/27 = \$923.91 (39hrs). A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (3-0) to pay L. Hansen's salary.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- None

WETLANDS ISSUES:

- Request for Determination, 63 Parker Street, Bentley Bloomberg. Mr. Bloomberg hired Nexamp to install a geothermal heating and cooling system at his residence. A 460 feet deep bore hole will be drilled in the rear yard between his house and garage. Mr. Herald of Nexamp explained that during the drilling process, a mud pit would be constructed towards the Butler Lumber property (and away from the wetlands) to contain the water extracted from the bore hole. If necessary, the drill cuttings will be removed offsite, although the drill cutting (fine silt) will not amount to much and will be discharged to the mud pit. A trench, approximately 4 feet deep, will be dug to connect the bore hole with the home's heating and cooling system. The drilling is expected to take one day and the trenching a second day. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (3-0) to issue a negative determination #3 for this project. Two conditions will be included in the permit: 1) the drill cuttings will not be stockpiled in the yard, and 2) guidelines for Ground Source Heat Pump Wells issued by DEP will be followed. Erosion control was not deemed necessary because the wetlands are upstream of the bore hole and the garage is located between the bore hole and the wetlands. The applicant will inform the agent when the drilling is scheduled.
- Request for Determination approval, 5 Balcom Lane, Mr. Edward Denn. Mr. Denn requested via email a continuance until September 7, pending the outcome of his claim on his title insurance. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (3-0) to continue the hearing until September 7 at 7:00.
- 14 Riverside Park wetland violation, Bernard Donahue, owner, update on project and filing. The agent conducted a site visit on August 12th to confirm the placement of erosion control and seeding of exposed soil. The owner may need to reseed due to the dry weather and lack of germination. Mr. Donohue is still waiting for the contractor to provide him with a proposal for the septic work which includes mapping the wetlands.
- The Commission observed that the rear yard at 2 Brian Way was being mowed, in violation of the permit.
- McDonald's Restaurant—the site visit scheduled for last week was postponed while the applicant works out access issues with the DOT during the Waltham Street bridge reconstruction. The agent noted that the restaurant was closed on Monday for renovations.

BUSINESS:

Discussion:

- Update on Cutting parcel appraisal, conversations with Frank Cutting and Beth Cosgrove. The 13 acre on Parker Street was placed into Chapter 61A tax deferral program. The agent discussed the value of the appraisal and the conversations with Natural Heritage regarding potential development of the parcel.

- OAR's Annual River Cleanup scheduled for September 11th. OAR is requesting assistance from the Commission for suggested location and man power.
- Preliminary CPC proposals are due September 8th. The agent will submit a proposal similar to last year's proposal.
- New state regulations allow for two year extensions for state permits issued or existing for the period between August 2008 and August 2010.
- Meeting with Joe Mullin of CTP regarding community garden space. The agent had a meeting with Mr. Mullin to discuss a community garden site on the vacant lot on Sudbury Road. Mr. Mullin was not interested in providing a long term lease for the site. The agent dismissed the idea of using this lot since raised beds would be required and not worth the effort if a long term lease is not available.
- New town website: www.maynardma.org, hosted by David Griffin. The old address also works. The agent will have the ability to upload minutes and agendas to the site in the near future.

Mail of note:

- Army Corps of Engineers, copy of Mass General Permit Category 2 for Waltham Street bridge
- OAR Annual River Cleanup poster

Meeting adjourned 8:52