

**MAYNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes, October 05, 2010, 6:30 – 8:55**

**PRESENT:** Commission Members: Fred King (chairman), John Dwyer, Peter Keenan, Jessica Pfiefer, and Doug Moore.

Conservation Agent: Linda Hansen

Visitors: Edward Denn (5 Balcom Lane); Phillip Mara and John Haffey (21 Wood Lane); John Kucich and Tessa Bernstein (McDonalds).

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

- Review minutes from 09/21/10. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to approve the minutes of 09/21/2010 as written.

**FINANCIAL:**

- L. Hansen's salary for 09/25 to 10/08 = \$923.91 (39 hrs). A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to pay L. Hansen's salary.
- L. Hansen's expenses = \$47.69. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to pay L. Hansen's expenses.
- MACC fall registration = \$135. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to pay MACC fall registration for John and Linda.
- Estimated cost for new trail map = \$700 (created by Allan Bishop).

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- Notice of Intent  
21 Wood Lane  
J.T. Haffey Builders, representing  
Home addition. Mr. King recused himself. Mr. Haffey presented to the Commission a plan to convert a portion of the lawn, up to 500 square feet, to native vegetation. The location he proposed to convert to native vegetation is at the bottom of the slope nearest the proposed addition. The contractor agreed to add rainwater cisterns to capture the runoff from the roof. The contractor would put in either one 450-gallon tank or three 105-gallon tanks.

During the site visit, the Commission observed that a portion of the adjacent vacant lot bordering 21 Wood Lane was also being mowed. The Commission requested the property owner to discontinue mowing the strip of land adjacent to his lot and allowing the area to revegetate naturally, or to put in native plants. As part of the mitigation, Mr. Mara offered to discontinue mowing the adjacent property, which is within 50 feet of the wetlands. The contractor will provide a modified plan showing the native planting area and the location of the dry wells. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to continue the hearing until October 19 at 7:00.

**WETLANDS ISSUES:**

- Request for Determination approval, 5 Balcom Lane, Mr. Edward Denn. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to sign the determination of Applicability for negative determination numbers 1, 4, and 6. A site visit conducted on September 25<sup>th</sup> found the wetlands behind 5 Balcom Lane was more than 100 feet from his property line.
- T-Mobile cell tower installation on Acton Street, report on violation and site visit. A site visit was conducted on October 4<sup>th</sup> with members of the Commission, T-Mobile representative James George, and representatives of the land owner, Robert Quirk. Regardless of whether the drainage ditch is a natural resource area, alterations were made within 100 feet of the flagged wetlands. T-mobile will need to submit a Notice of Intent for the violation observed during the site visit.
- Schedule site visit for Suburban Glass RDA. The Commission will make site visits at their convenience.

- McDonald's Restaurant, discuss soils issue. Mr. Kucich from Bohler Engineering presented a modification to the site plans based on a recent discovery of elevated levels of metals in the soils at the site. The proposed stormwater BMPs were chosen to infiltrate the runoff to reduce the phosphorus concentrations before discharge to the Assabet River. The applicant would prefer not to infiltrate runoff into potentially contaminated soil. Mr. Kucich suggested installing a biofiltration system (tree box filter), rather than infiltrate for approximately one-third of the site. The biofilter system will also filter out phosphorus. The outlet for the biofiltration system will be connected to the catch basin.

No treatment was proposed for approximately two-thirds of the site adjacent to Waltham Street. The Commission requested treatment (not infiltration), for that portion of the site. The consultant suggested a grit chamber for TSS removal, but this BMP will not address phosphorus. Other options are available to address TSS removal that can be connected downstream of the deep sump catch basins that would potentially remove phosphorus.

The Commission requested that the stockpiled soil be immediately covered, since the large piles are located near the riverbank.

The applicant will submit an amended Order of Condition to the Commission. The Commission requested a brief summary of options reviewed in the submittal. (The LSP suggested not infiltrating, the DEP did not require it). An amended Order of Conditions requires a legal notice and abutter notification. The applicant would like to schedule a hearing for October 19th at 8:00. The agent will post a legal ad.

- 22 Mockingbird Lane, delineate wetlands in conservation land. The agent will coordinate a site visit with the Commission and the property owner.

#### **BUSINESS:**

##### **Discussion:**

- Review Maynard's community development principles. The agent will prepare a memo to the BOS that the Commission reviewed the principals and have no comments.
- MACC fall meeting scheduled for Oct 23. The agent will register Mr. Dwyer and Linda.
- Report on OAR cleanup efforts. Mr. Keenan and Mr. Moore participated in the cleanup effort and noted that almost 100 tires were removed from Powdermill Circle. DPW removed about five truck loads of debris.
- Request to increase agent hours and payment of past vacation time. Mr. Moore will draft a letter for the BOS and Town Administrator.
- Review citizen survey for Open Space Plan update. The agent will delete the household information section, add an additional comment question at the end, and remove the contribution question. The revised survey will be sent out to the Commission.

##### **Mail of note:**

- ESRI free US nationwide seminar for ArcGIS 10

**Meeting adjourned 8:55**