

MAYNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes, October 20, 2009, 6:30 – 9:22

PRESENT: Conservation Commission members: Fred King (chairman), John Dwyer, Peter Keenan, Doug Moore, and Jessica Pfeifer.

Conservation Agent: Linda Hansen

Visitors: Alan and Beth DiPeitro (4 Riverside Park)

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- Review minutes from 10/06/09. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to approve the minutes as amended.

FINANCIAL:

- L. Hansen's salary for 10/11 to 10/23 = \$879.45 (39 hrs). A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to pay L. Hansen's salary. The Commission discussed the two warrant articles submitted for Fall Town Meeting regarding salary increase for the agent and whether it made sense to withdraw Article 14 because it was redundant or to amend the administrative plan Article to increase the twelve step hourly rate. The Commission agreed to draft a letter to the town administrator requesting after town meeting and successful passage of the article, that the agent's salary would move to Step 2.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Notice of Intent
DEP file number 213-0234
Old Marlboro Road
Beth Cosgrove

The Commission opened the hearing at the scheduled time. The applicant and representative were not present. The Commission reviewed the submitted plans. The Commission requested the applicant submit a wetland delineation methodology report and more details on the outlet of the foundation drains and roof runoff for both lots. Also, no landscaping plans were submitted for either lot. The agent will check if the lots are within Zone 2 for groundwater protection and if the land disturbance is more than one acre and would need to comply with town's Stormwater bylaw. The Commission also felt that the consultant should submit an alternatives analysis for Lot 3 to reduce the impact in the buffer zone, such as changing the orientation of the driveway and house. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) with the approval of the applicant (Beth Cosgrove, who was contacted by phone) to continue the hearing until November 3, 2009 at 7:30.

WETLANDS ISSUES

- Response to Violation notice for 5 Burns Court. Mr. King will contact Mr. Mroz to schedule a site visit and re-establish the wetlands line. The agent will send the re-issued OOC to Mr. Mroz so he can record the OOC at the Registry of Deeds.
- Riverside Park property new agriculture project requires permit. The Commission discussed with Mr. and Mrs. DiPeitro the recent change of use on their property. The property owners put up a corral fence with wire mesh in some areas to protect their llamas from domestic dogs. The Commission discussed wildlife issues regarding the current fence. The Commission requested the property owners to file for a permit for the fencing and a change of use to the property.
- Demolition of canopy at old gas station next to McDonalds. The agent will check the files for information on tank removal at that lot. The contractor may remove the canopy and the kiosk without a permit, however, the contractor may not alter the pavement or the lot.
- Dumping at 12 Forest Street. The Board of Health agent contacted the agent about dumping in the wetlands. A site visit is scheduled for Thursday.

- Taylor Road Subdivision. The agent noted during a site visit that the trash heap has been removed and is now stored near the subdivision road. The agent did not receive a certification from the applicant stating that the trash was not hazardous waste.

BUSINESS:

Discussion:

- Updates to GIS maps for open space plan. The agent will need to make color print-outs of the revised maps that were generated by Allan Bishop for review for the Commission.
- Warrant articles for Fall Town Meeting—include slides in PowerPoint presentation. Selectperson Bubier will introduce the Stormwater article and then turn the discussion over to the Commission. The Commission may submit PowerPoint slides to the Town Administrator.
- Report on SuAsCoShaw Network Meeting held October 15. Jeff Collins presented a talk on invasive species. He was interested in working with Maynard Conservation Commission to eradicate Tree of Heaven in Maynard and replace the removed trees with native trees. The Commission will include this goal in the Open Space Plan.
- New treasurer/collector and finance director hired.
- Revisit the proposals for land survey of Assabet River Walk. The agent will call the consultants who submitted proposals to inquire if the proposals are still valid and if the leaf-off season changes the costs.

Mail of note:

- Mass Wildlife Newsletter

Meeting adjourned: 9:22