

TOWN OF MAYNARD

MAYNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, August 2, 2011, 6:30 – 8:42

Conservation Commission Office, Town Hall

PRESENT: Commission Members: Fred King (chairman), John Dwyer, Doug Moore, Peter Keenan, and Jessica Pfeifer.
Conservation Agent: Linda Hansen
Visitors: Tim Caldwell (4 Reeves Road) and Susan Saven (2 Reeves Road)

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- Review minutes from 06/21/11. The minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

FINANCIAL:

- L. Hansen's salary for 07/30/11 to 08/12/11 = \$971.20. Mr. King signed the payroll form.
- MACC annual dues = \$444.00. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to approve the invoice for the dues.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- None

WETLANDS/STORMWATER ISSUES:

- The detention basin at 2 and 4 Reeves Road. Currently the rear yards at 2 and 4 Reeves Road have a stormwater detention basin that is not functioning as designed and has caused erosion of the yard, in addition to providing a mosquito habitat. The owners were interested in potential options to redesign the stormwater management to better suit the yard and manage the amount of runoff. The Commission suggested hiring an engineer to prepare a concept plan for various stormwater management options that can handle large rain events and present these informally to the Commission. Options need to meet current DEP stormwater guidelines and meet the intent of the original function and design. Options could include a water quality swale and infiltration that may eliminate the need for a detention basin. DPW approval would be required since the detention basin is within a drainage easement. An NOI will need to be filed for the option selected and a formal hearing will then be scheduled.
- Recorded OOC for Old Marlboro Road, lots 1 and 3 (231-0233 and 213-0234) do not include the special conditions attachment. The agent will contact Beth Cosgrove to ensure that the OOC gets recorded with the special conditions.
- Elks Club staging area for Waltham Street bridge project. The Commission agreed that an enforcement order should be issued to the Elks Club with copies to DOT and DEP. The EO should include immediate cease and desist and adequate erosion control and clean up of debris. Restoration will be required after approval from the Conservation Commission within a specified time frame. A letter should accompany the EO to the DOT with a copy to the contractor, DPW, and Town Administrator with a specific request to conduct a site visit at a specified date and time (referencing the email exchange that stated no permit was required for the staging area, but no alteration of the riverfront was allowed). The agent will circulate a draft letter to the Commission for their review.
- Wetlands at 104 Acton Street (perspective buyer inquiry). The buyer's agent contacted the Commission for information regarding the wetlands on the property. The agent conducted a site visit and observed an area along the side yard that may function as a wetland, but thick growth of Japanese knotweed made it difficult to delineate any wetlands.
- 22 Powdermill Road. The Commission noted that all the erosion control was removed, but loose dirt was still apparent and would require the property owner to replace some of the erosion control.

LAND MANAGEMENT:

- Potential land swap on Rockland Road. The Commission met at 124 Acton Street prior to the meeting to view the area of interest and potential swap. The agent will meet with the town's attorney next week to discuss the land swap process.

BUSINESS:

Approved August 16, 2011

- Conservation office needs a new camera. The Commission agreed that a new camera was warranted and the agent will provide a recommendation at the next meeting.
- H.3438 Public Lands Preservation Act update. The agent will update the Commission on the bill and email the information.
- John Dwyer did not receive confirmation on his reappointment. The agent will inquire.

Mail of note:

- Letter from Board of Health regarding nuisance condition at 2 Florida Road (dumping of garbage)
- AMWS July Newsletter
- MassWildlife July Newsletter
- DCR publication Terra Firma
- Tax bill from Town of Acton for 90 Liberty Street Rear
- National Grid Pipeline Safety information

Meeting adjourned 8:42