

# TOWN OF MAYNARD

## MAYNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, December 20, 2011, 6:30 – 8:30

Conservation Commission Office, Town Hall

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

Agent: Linda Hansen

Visitor: None

### ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- Review minutes from 12/06/2011. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to approve the minutes of 11/18/11 as written.

### FINANCIAL:

- L. Hansen's salary for 12/17/11 to 12/30/11 = \$971.20. Mr. King signed the payroll form.

### PUBLIC HEARING:

- none

### WETLANDS/STORMWATER ISSUES:

- Expired OOC for Taylor Road subdivision. The Permit Extension Act applies to this permit, which provides an additional two years making a new expiration date of June 20, 2013.
- 27 River Street riverfront violation. The agent brought this nuisance to the attention of the Board of Health agent.
- Waltham Street bridge project close to starting. NStar and Verizon are finishing the pole work and the bridge project will start shortly thereafter.
- Clear-cutting of area for turtle habitat in ARNWF. The wildlife refuge cut down trees, removed stumps and all vegetation from a 3.5 acre plot within the town limits of Maynard for a Blanding's turtle nesting habitat. This area is within the town's well Zone I area (400 ft), although clear-cutting is not a regulated activity under the town bylaw. The area appears to be outside the 100 ft buffer zone from the adjacent wetlands, however, a small portion may be within the 200 ft riverfront protection zone. The agent has contacted DEP for guidance and has spoken with Tom Eagle at the refuge.
- Letter from Lisa Vernegaard regarding canoe and kayak rental business on Riverside Park. The agent will forward the letter to the commission members. She is not opposed to the rental business but feels the town needs to address concerns regarding lighting and parking.

### LAND MANAGEMENT:

- Yard waste dumping along the trail with entrance at Taylor Road (DPW property). Mr. Flood viewed the piles of debris left along the trail and will remove it and close the entrance to vehicle traffic.
- Draft article received from Town Counsel for release of conservation parcel. The agent provided missing information and returned the article to Town Counsel.

### BUSINESS:

- Review Open Space Plan Chapter 3 (additional changes). The commission will address the changes at the next meeting.
- Agent will be on vacation from Dec. 26-30.

### Mail of note:

- Rushing Rivers Institute December newsletter
- DEP announcement for Bald Eagle Survey and Christmas Bird Count

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:30**