

TOWN OF MAYNARD

MAYNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, March 20, 2012, 6:30 – 9:26

Conservation Commission Office, Town Hall

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

Agent: Linda Hansen

Visitors: Ann Marton (LEC), Bob Carter (HW Moore Associates, Inc.), Scott Hayes (Foresite Engineering), and Duffy McNulty.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- Review minutes from 02/07/2012 and from 02/28/2012. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to approve the minutes of 02/07/12 as amended. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to approve the minutes of 02/28/12 as amended.

FINANCIAL:

- L. Hansen's salary for 03/10/12 to 03/23/12 = \$971.20. Mr. King signed the payroll form.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Request for Determination

Summerhill Glen

Grading and resurfacing parking lot and walkway

BC Summerhill Glen Limited Partnership

Ms. Marton of LEC presented the project to the Commission. The project within the Commission's jurisdiction includes improving two parking lots and adjacent walkways. The parking lot on the northeast side of the property is within 100 ft of bordering vegetated wetland and the parking lot adjacent to the Community Building is within the 200 foot riverfront area. Both parking lots will be graded to comply with the ADA standards (less than 2% grade) and resurfaced. One parking lot will be expanded to provide an additional handicap parking space and a pad for the trash receptacle. A retaining wall will be constructed adjacent to the parking lot. The Commission agreed that the proposed activity does not require further permitting.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to issue a negative determination #3 for the parking lot adjacent to the wetlands and a negative determination #5 for the parking lot in the riverfront area. The agent will issue the determination on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 and send the original to Ann Marton.

- Stormwater Management

Five unit apartment complex

Spring and Pine streets

Duffy McNulty/Foresite Engineering

Mr. Hayes of Foresite Engineering presented the project to the Commission. The Planning Board issued their decision which is now in the 60 day appeal period. The stormwater management includes a Stormtech infiltration unit under the parking lot, and two Stormceptor units (or equivalent alternate). Two additional test pits were dug as requested. The engineer, Mr. Hayes, addressed the comments provided by Mr. King to the Commission's satisfaction. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to approve the stormwater management plan as submitted (with possible substitution for the Stormceptor units). The Commission reviewed the standard conditions on the approval form for applicability to this project. The approval forms needs some minor modifications. The approval will be signed and issued at the next Commission meeting on April 3.

WETLANDS/STORMWATER ISSUES:

- Review plans for sidewalk construction at Vose Hill where wetlands are located. DPW plans to submit two permit applications for the sidewalk work, since the Vose Hill segment will require an NOI and runoff calculations for the detention basin.

- Update on culvert repair at the ARNWF. Tom Eagle from the refuge provided the Commission with an emergency certification for the Otter Alley trail culvert work. Rip rap was added to the historic culvert to block water flow and prevent the wetlands from draining. No culvert replacement is planned. The work has already been completed, but the Commission decided to proceed with the emergency certification. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (3-0, Mr. Keenan abstained) to issue the emergency certification.
- Report on site visit to 10 Fowler Road. The agent was asked by Marty Maria to inspect the property at 10 Fowler Road as a potential housing development. The agent visited the site on March 14, 2012. The agent observed numerous 55-gallon drums and 5-gallon buckets throughout the site. An odor similar to paint thinner was also present. Two point source discharges were observed at the slope above the wetlands and a cinder block structure of unknown purpose at the bottom of the slope (possibly a pump house). The area behind the sheds has an enormous amount of dumped refuse and yard waste on the slope above the wetlands. The agent notified the Board of Health agent and the fire chief regarding her observations.
- Potential enforcement at 5 Burns Court and the neighborhood around Elmhurst/Great Road. The agent noted work at 5 Burns Court that is not in compliance with his Order of Conditions, and Mr. Keenan suggested that compliance be monitored by a Commission site visit. The agent also noted activity in the wetland area between Elmhurst and Tiger Drive. Her observations included persons with ATV's driving through the wetland areas, lots of encroachment on Town land, and enormous amount of yard waste dumping in the wetland areas. The agent will prepare a 'neighborhood awareness' letter as a first step.
- Review stormwater permit form, discuss regulations and permit fee. The Commission made edits to the draft decision form. A revised form will be emailed to the Commission.

LAND MANAGEMENT:

- Update on Dana Road parcel. A buyer's agent contacted the Commission regarding the potential for constructing a single family house on the property. If his client purchased the property, he would consider gifting the wetland portion to the Commission.
- Support materials required for Legislation for the release of two-acre parcel of land. The agent is preparing a document and support materials to submit to Representative Hogan's office.

BUSINESS:

- SuAsCo Watershed Council membership for Year 9 = \$2,550. The agent forwarded the request to DPW.
- Update on SuAsCo CISMA spring meeting held March 13. CISMA has two general public meetings, spring and fall. The spring meeting was a panel format with a focus just on the use of herbicides. The panel included three speakers discussing 1) the use of natural herbicides, 2) risk associated with herbicide applications, and 3) EPA NPDES permit requirements for herbicide use. Presentations are available on the CISMA website.
- Reminder to complete ethics online training prior to April.
- Town elections held on May 1—reschedule Commission meeting. The Commission will reschedule the May meetings for May 8th and 22nd (second and fourth Tuesdays).

Mail of note:

- NStar notification for gas main maintenance work on Mill Street.

Meeting adjourned 9:26