

TOWN OF MAYNARD
MAYNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes, April 17, 2012, 6:30 – 8:38
Conservation Commission Office, Town Hall

PRESENT: Commission Members: Fred King (chairman), John Dwyer, Doug Moore, and Peter Keenan.
Agent: Linda Hansen
Visitors: James Maria, Ray Vanvorse (abutter), and Dorothy Jay (DPW).

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- Review minutes from 04/03/2012. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to approve the minutes of 04/03/12 as amended.

FINANCIAL:

- L. Hansen's salary for 04/07/12 to 04/20/12 = \$971.20. Mr. King signed the payroll form.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Request for Determination
Removal of existing garage structure
27 River Street
Jim Maria
Mr. Maria plans to remove the dilapidated garage structure on his property and plant native shrubs and plants along the riverbank. His request also included plans to install a carport on his rear lot along the fence line behind the house. However, the building commissioner requires a concrete pad under the carport, which was not included in the permit application nor was part of Mr. Maria's initial plans. He will hold off on installing a carport, although the Commission agreed that a carport would be a permissible activity. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to issue a Determination of Applicability, negative determination #3, #5, and #6. If indeed a concrete pad is required, Mr. Maria will need to file an NOI at a later date.
- Request for Determination
Construction of sidewalks along Concord and Great roads
Department of Public Works
The Commission reviewed the plans and noted no problems with the proposed project. Alterations in the buffer zone would be minimal and stormwater would be managed. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to issue a Determination of Applicability, negative determination #3.
- Notice of Intent
Construction of sidewalk along Route 27 (south of Vose Hill Road)
Department of Public Works
The Commission opened the hearing and conducted no discussion on the wetland application. It was determined that the abutter notices were not sent out prior to the hearing due to a mix up with the consultant who prepared the NOI. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to continue the hearing with the consent of the applicant.

WETLANDS/STORMWATER ISSUES:

- Powder Mill Dam plans to raise water levels to 140.5 ft in elevation (approx. 4 feet higher than during construction). The agent provided the project manager for the dam with a list of abutters along the river and requested that Mr. Coates send them notices regarding the change in water levels. The DOT project manager for the Waltham Street bridge was also informed. This elevation is at the low end of the normal range and is expected to rise based on weather conditions and finalizing the dam repairs.
- Update on High School project regarding observations after site visit on Monday, April 16th. The agent was concerned that the large piles of dirt were never stabilized as required by the OOC. Last fall the stockpiles of dirt were to be screened and moved, although this work never took place. The Commission requested the contractor apply hydromulch and tackifier for stabilizing the stockpiles. The agent will contact the contractor.

- Detention basin at Carriage Lane. The agent was notified about work done in the detention basin and conducted a site visit. The basin was cleaned out and all vegetation, leaves, and mulch removed. Fresh dirt was observed in the detention basin, but its origin is unknown and could be a result of pulling out vegetation. The Commission felt the detention basin will function better with the vegetation removed and decided to take no action.
- 213 Main Street. A prospective buyer was interested in the development possibility of this property that falls entirely in the riverfront zone. The Commission recommended the prospective buyer hire an engineer to evaluate the lot and the type of development that would be permissible under the WPA. The topography of the lot would require significant filling prior to development.

LAND MANAGEMENT:

- Concerns from residents regarding fallen trees along the edge of Summer Hill Road. Some limbs cut after the October snow storm remain at the edge of the road. The agent gave permission to an adjacent land owner to remove the limbs along the roadside, but the limbs further up the slope need to remain in place.
- Legislation drafted by House Counsel. Mrs. Campo, Associate Counsel for the State House sent draft legislation for the Commission. Town Counsel will review and approve the language after she returns on Monday, April 23rd.

BUSINESS:

- Review Open Space Plan Chapter 5. The agent will send out a draft electronically.

Mail of note:

- Presentations from the MACC annual meeting received (via email)
- Ebb and Flow, Division of Ecological Restoration newsletter

Meeting adjourned: 8:38