

TOWN OF MAYNARD

MAYNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, February 19, 2013, 6:30 – 8:47 pm

Conservation Commission Office, Town Hall

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

Agent: Linda Hansen

Visitors: Thomas Recane

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- Review minutes from 02/05/2013. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to approve the minutes as amended.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Notice of Intent (continuation)
213 Main Street
Loftis Maynard, LLC
The applicant provided a written request to continue the hearing until March 5, 2013 at 7:00.

WETLANDS/STORMWATER ISSUES:

- Site visit to Cutting lots on Old Marlboro to verify survey markers. The Commission will schedule a site visit after the snow has substantially melted. The updated plans show the limit of disturbance at the same location as the previous plan and therefore will not require a stormwater permit.

LAND MANAGEMENT:

- Review property boundary survey quotes for Rockland Ave. The Commission will hold off on performing a survey until a signed purchase and sale agreement is in place.

BUSINESS:

- Review draft Open Space and Recreation Plan. Sections 8 and 9 were updated with input from the Recreation Commission. The agent will send out the updated version to the Commission.
- Review proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment (Neighborhood Business Overlay District). The Commission had a few concerns:
 - Section 9.3.2 – The NBOD shall not have control over the provisions of the aquifer protection district or other environmental provisions.
 - Section 9.3.8 – An increase in gross floor area will need to comply with other town regulations including stormwater and wetlands and riverfront protection.
 - Section 9.3.11 – A defined 20 foot setback requirement where the NBOD development abuts open space zoned properties is not acceptable if a regulated resource area abuts the property.
- Sign Germplasm agreement for planting hybrid American Chestnut trees. Mr. Recane presented the program to reintroduce hybrid American Chestnut trees that were repeatedly backcrossed to be more disease resistant. Mr. Recane will be growing four trees from seed and would like to transplant the seedlings to Conservation Commission property. Mr. Recane will be responsible for the care and maintenance of the trees, although he needs protected space to plant seedlings. The Conservation Commission property on Rockland Avenue was proposed, but the agent and Mr. Recane will scout other potential areas in the spring. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to sign the American Chestnut Foundation Germplasm agreement. The agreement preserves The American Chestnut Foundation's rights to the genetic material of these hybrids.

Mail of note:

- Updated Concept Plan for 129 Parker Street
- Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, BioMap 2 Map and Town Report

Meeting Adjourned: 8:47