

TOWN OF MAYNARD
MAYNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes, December 3, 2013, 7:00 – 8:39 pm
Municipal Services Conference Room, Town Hall

PRESENT:

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

Associate Member: Carrie O'Connell

Agent: Linda Hansen

Visitors: Bernie Temple, Holden Engineering and Dan Wells, Goddard Consulting.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (7:00 pm)

Assabet River Rail Trail

Linda Hansen, applicant

The Commission reviewed the plans indicating the wetland boundaries. Two areas were delineated; near Winter Street along the canal and along Acton Street to the Town of Acton border. The Commission will visit the site at their convenience. The Commission will schedule a formal site visit with the delineator (Marti Nover) if any discrepancies are identified. A DEP file number has not been issued. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to continue the hearing until December 17 @ 7:00.

- Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (8:00 pm)

129 Parker Street

Goddard Consulting

Mr. Wells presented the plans to the Commission. Two wetland areas were identified; the area in the undeveloped portion of the property and the small wetland near the front of the property. Mr. Wells claims that the perennial stream was dammed by beavers, converted into a pond that has no apparent flow. The consultant does not consider the impoundment area as riverfront. The USGS topographic map does indentify the stream (downstream of the bridge) as perennial. The Commission will consider whether the temporary beaver dam could change the status of a perennial stream and will try to find if DEP has set a binding precedent on similar cases. The Commission was concerned that only one wetland transect was done for the entire site. A site visit was scheduled for Saturday, December 7th at 10:30. The Commission requested that the drainage from the site be included in the delineation plan. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0), with the applicant's permission, to continue the hearing until December 17 @ 7:30.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:39