

TOWN OF MAYNARD

MAYNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, February 4, 2014, 6:30 – 9:26 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: Ana Bessa and Vinny Koenig; Mark Donohoe (Acton Survey) and Frank Dentino; Marta Nover (Nover-Armstrong Assoc.)

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- Review minutes from 01/07/2014. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to approve the minutes as amended. The Commission requested that the Agent amend the minutes from December 19, 2013 to include the list of attendees.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (7:00, continued from January 7th)
129 Parker Street
Scott Goddard, representing Capital Properties
A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to continue the hearing at the request of the applicant until February 18th at 7:00.
- Notice of Intent (two filings, both at 7:45, continued from January 7th)
Stormwater Management Bylaw Application (for the entire subdivision)
Fowler Street, Lots 1 & 2
Orchard Valley Construction
Construction of two single family houses within a five lot subdivision. Mr. Donohoe went through the revisions that were made since the previous hearing based on the comments received from the Commission, including:
 - Moving the one of the snow storage outside the 100 foot buffer from the wetlands,
 - Adjusting the grade at the location of the second snow storage area to direct runoff away from the wetlands,
 - Proposed planting of a row of red pine trees along the top of slope, and
 - Clarifying that the permanent barrier will also serve as the location of the erosion control during construction.The Commission raised concerns regarding the amount of alterations within 50 to 100 feet buffer zone of the wetlands and asked the applicant to provide information on justification for work in the buffer zone. The Commission also questioned the choice of red pine trees.

The Commission discussed the stormwater management report and raised a number of concerns, including the lack of information to verify the calculations in the report, the choice of stormwater management systems proposed, and the total amount of alterations on the entire site. Due to the complexity of the site and the number of concerns after a preliminary review of the stormwater management report, the Commission requested a peer review. Mr. Donohoe refused to pay for a peer review, contending that a peer review was already performed during the Planning Board process. He requested the Commission provide him with a written list of comments that he would respond to. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to continue the hearing at the request of the applicant until March 4th at 7:00.

- Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (8:30, continued from January 7th)
Assabet River Rail Trail
Linda Hansen, Town of Maynard
Marta Nover presented the project to the Commission and discussed some of the challenges in delineating the different resource areas. Some of the changes include:
 - Replacing the BVW with MHW along the Assabet River in the vicinity of Winter Street/Riverside.

2. The elevation of the Top of Bank will be measured from the headwall of the culvert and used for the canal area.
 3. Intermittent stream behind Acton Street just north of Concord Street should be labeled as an isolated wetland.
 4. The perennial stream identified near the Acton Street border is incorrect and should be labeled as bank.
- A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to continue the hearing at the request of the applicant until March 18th at 7:00.

WETLANDS/STORMWATER ISSUES:

- Enforcement order issued to property owner at 5 Walcott. An enforcement order was issued on September 26, 2013 for activities and alterations within 100 feet of wetland resource area. The property owner brought in fill that was added to the slope of her property above the wetlands. The property owner plans to have her property surveyed. The Commission requested that the landscaping/filling project get permitted and the application should include plans for restoring the area where the fill was added and stabilizing the slope. The slope currently is too steep and needs to be graded and stabilized. The Commission suggested adding additional erosion control, such as a fiber log, near the top of the slope where the area was graded but not seeded. The property owner will notify the Commission when the survey is complete and will start the application process at that time.
- DEP scheduled three public hearing for amending the Severe Weather Emergency Declaration language in the WPA. These revisions are minor and the agent does not plan on attending.

LAND MANAGEMENT:

- Tree removal at Summer Hill. Diseased and dead tree are located along the roadway need to be removed.
- Rail removal schedule. Trees and brush are being removed this week and next in preparation for the removal of the steel rails.

BUSINESS:

- Review Draft Stormwater Management Bylaw regulations. The Commission tabled this review until the next Commission meeting.
- MACC annual meeting registration. The agent will register the members who want to attend and requested they email her their workshop preferences.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:26