

TOWN OF MAYNARD

MAYNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION Minutes, April 1, 2014, 6:30 – 9:25 pm Municipal Services Conference Room, Town Hall

PRESENT:

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

Associate Member: Carrie O'Connell

Agent: Linda Hansen

Visitors: Ana Bessa (5 Walcott), Glenda Sainthilaire, Tim Harpin (7 Walcott), Scott Goddard, Charles Oran Ball, Jimmy Fenton, Mike Jeanson, Mark Donohoe (Acton Survey), Marty Maria, and Frank Dentino

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- Review minutes from 03/18/2014. The minutes will be reviewed at the April 15th meeting of the Conservation Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (7:00, continued from March 18th)
Assabet River Rail Trail
Linda Hansen, Town of Maynard and Marta Nover, Nover Armstrong Associates
A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to continue the hearing until May 6th at 7:00.
- Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (7:20, continued from March 18th)
129 Parker Street
Capital Group Properties
Scott Goddard, representing
Mr. Goddard provided the Commission with revised plan last week that now show the 200 foot riverfront zone. Mr. Goddard identified the location of the stream on the revised plan by overlaying the USGS topo map and widened the stream to the width of the stream where it flows under the bridge. The Commission questioned this methodology, citing the regulations for low gradient rivers where the mean annual high water is above the low flow bank. The Commission requested that Mr. Goddard use field observations to determine the location of the stream. The previous 2006 ANRAD showed the stream closer to the eastern edge of the wetlands. Mr. Goddard will visit the site again with regards to the riverfront area and will coordinate the visit with the Commission. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to continue the hearing at the request of the representative until May 6th at 7:30.
- Notice of Intent (7:30)
Taylor Road Subdivision, lots 10.7 and 10.8
Distinctive Acton Homes, Inc.
Scott Goddard, representing
MR. Goddard presented the project to the Commission. This Notice of Intent is a new application for extending the rear property lines of the three lots within the jurisdiction of the Commission by 30 additional feet. This project includes a net increase of 1,123 square feet for a total of 5,783 square feet alteration (7.3%) in the riverfront area. The previous open space parcel was 89,810 square feet in size and is now reduced to 86,410 square feet. The difference in size will be placed in private ownership and will also be protected through a deed restriction. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to close the hearing. The representative will provide the Commission with a plan for removing the old dump material and for eradicating the invasive plants, and the deed restriction language before the Commission issues the permit.
- Notice of Intent (two filings, both at 8:00, continued from March 18th)
Fowler Street, Lots 1 & 2
Orchard Valley Construction
Construction of two single family houses within a five lot subdivision

Mr. King received new stormwater management calculations, watershed maps, and site plans directly from the consultant—the Commission did not receive this information. Mr. Donohoe provided the Commission with information for the organic material in the tree box filter. The plans on file do not reflect the changes that were provided to Mr. King. Although Mr. King provided the review comments for the SW management plan, the plans need to be delivered to the Commission as well.

Mr. Donohoe provided a new plan that shows the limit of disturbance which he calculated as under an acre (.97 acres). The area is tight around the houses and the existing pool area and does not provide much working space. Any increase in the limit of disturbance would trigger a NPDES permit. The design of the recharge trench has changed and is now lower in elevation, larger, and level, rather than sloped. The trench will be between 9 and 13 feet below grade. The grading of the road around the tree box filters has also changed. The applicant needs to confirm that the soils at the location of the proposed trench are adequate for infiltration. This should be done before the permit is issued or at the onset of construction. The Commission will include a condition in the OOC and the stormwater permit to address potential soil contamination. The memo from the DPW prefers a more conventional stormwater management system that would be easier to maintain. A condition in the stormwater permit will address the responsibility of the SW management systems if and when the town accepts the extension of the road.

The NOI plans will need to be revised based on the new stormwater management plans. The Commission did not have any concerns with the NOI application but will keep the hearing open until all the new information is received. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to continue the hearing until April 15 at 7:00.

WETLANDS/STORMWATER ISSUES:

- 5 Walcott Enforcement Order. Ana Bessa provided the Commission with a plot plan for her property. The agent will visit the site on Thursday and the Commission will be at the site on Saturday at 10:00.
- Fowler Street Extension Stormwater Management bylaw application (discussed in conjunction with the NOI hearing)
- Input requested for Annual MS4 Report. The agent will provide information on the permits issued, stormwater BMPs installed and clean-up efforts.

LAND MANAGEMENT:

- none

BUSINESS:

- Update on Draft Stormwater Management Bylaw regulations. Mr. King has not finished his review.

Mail of note:

- Memo from DPW regarding stormwater management at Fowler Street Extension project
- MACC notification that conference materials are now available
- Mockingbird sewer pump station survey plan

Meeting Adjourned: 9:25