

TOWN OF MAYNARD

MAYNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION Minutes, April 15, 2014, 6:30 – 8:55 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) and Tim Harpin (7 Walcott)

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- Review minutes from 03/18/2014 and 04/01/2014. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to accept the 03/18/2014 minutes as amended. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to accept the 04/01/2014 minutes as amended.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Notice of Intent (two filings, both at 7:00, continued from April 1st)
DEP file numbers 213-0255 and 213-0256
Fowler Street, Lots 1 & 2
Orchard Valley Construction
Construction of two single family houses within a five lot subdivision. Applicant requested to continue the hearing until May 6th. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to continue the hearing until May 6th.

WETLANDS/STORMWATER ISSUES:

- Fowler Street Extension Stormwater Management bylaw application (expect to be discussed in conjunction with the NOI hearing). This application review was also continued until May 6th.
- Taylor Road Order of Conditions: review town conditions (DEP file number 213-0257). The Commission made a few minor revisions and asked the agent to include a finding that this new order supersedes the previous order (213-0205). A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to issue the OOC as amended.
- Proposed restoration plan for enforcement action at 5 Walcott Street. The Commission made a site visit on April 5th and determined that the slope was too steep and unstable. The Commission suggested that the property owner pull back the slope to match the pitch of the slope along the left property line. The erosion control at the base of the slope needs to be extended to the right side property line. The clean fill removed from the slope can be used to fill some depressions on the top of slope. The slope can be loamed (approximately 4 inches) and seeded. The Commission stressed that no equipment is allowed to enter the wetlands.
- Amendment to OOC: Paving project at 5 ½ Pleasant Street completed (DEP file number 213-0251) After review of the area that was paved, including the right-of-way (driveway), the Commission finds that this change is a minor increase in pavement over the approved plan and is a minor revision and remains acceptable under the Riverfront Protection Act standards and the town of Maynard Wetlands Administrative bylaw and within the scope of the original permit. A motion was made, seconded, and approved (4-0) to approve the change without requiring an amendment to the OOC.

LAND MANAGEMENT:

- The Commission will schedule a second round of invasive plant removal at Walcott Woods to remove the bittersweet vines that were severed last fall.
- Rail removal is progressing, agent concerned about flooding near Concord Road intersection.
- Vernal pool certification. Mr. Thomas volunteered to inspect the potential vernal pool off Winter Street this weekend.

BUSINESS:

- Update on Draft Stormwater Management Bylaw regulations. The review by the Commission is still underway.

- Peter Keenan plans to resign for medical reasons. Carrie O'Connell asked if she was interested in joining the Commission as a regular member. She will send a letter of interest to the BOS.
- CISMA small grant program. The CISMA program has grant money available for invasive plant eradication. The Commission suggested applying for a grant to fund a summer intern to prepare management plans for Conservation properties.

Mail of note:

- Sustainable Water Management Initiative Grant scope of service
- Assabet River NWR seeking invasive plant pulling volunteers
- Mosquito Control notification of spraying during April 22 – 29. Three wetland areas in Maynard are targeted for aerial application.

Meetings Adjourned: 8:55