

TOWN OF MAYNARD

MAYNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, July 1, 2014, 6:30 – 8:06 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: Marie Gunnerson (119 Parker Street)

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- Review minutes from 06/03/2014 and 06/17/2014. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to accept the 06/03/2014 minutes as written. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to accept the 06/17/2014 minutes as written.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Request for Determination (7:00)

1 Tiger Drive

Kevin Caruso, Maynard High School Athletic Director

Installation of a fence around the baseball field. The Commission reviewed the permit and included a condition that requires the cleared area to be maintained and kept clear of non-native invasive plants. A motion was made, seconded and approved by all present (4-0) to issue a Determination of Applicability negative determination #3 with conditions.

WETLANDS/STORMWATER ISSUES:

- Emergency Certification Form issued on June 26, 2014 for the demolition of 51 Waltham Street. A motion was made, seconded and approved by all present (4-0) to ratify the Emergency Certification for 51 Waltham St.
- 129 Parker Street Definitive Subdivision Plan and Environmental Impact Assessment comments. The Conservation Commission reviewed the Definitive Subdivision Plan and the Environmental Impact Assessment and has the following comments (that the agent will forward to the Planning Board):

Specific comments related to the Definitive Subdivision Plan include:

- The Conservation Commission is concerned with the current placement of the buildings and its implications on the three buffer zones: 1. priority habitat, 2. wetlands and riverfront, and 3. the naturally vegetated areas of the Town of Maynard zone II aquifers.
- The applicant will need to provide evidence as to why the development needs to be within the buffer zones or in the areas established as priority habitat.

The Environmental Impact Assessment is severely deficient and lacks critical components, including:

- The assessment does not mention the established priority habitat and estimated habitat in the undeveloped portion of the site or the 250 foot buffer zone suggested by the Natural Heritage Program and Endangered Species Program for protecting threatened species habitat.
- The assessment makes no mention of the bordering vegetated wetlands located in the southeast corner of the site (although intermittent stream was mentioned) and also makes no mention of the 50 foot no disturb buffer zone around the wetlands. The parking lot adjacent to the proposed business and the widening of Parker Street to provide a turn lane would impact these wetlands.
- The western wetlands system includes a perennial stream and the associated riverfront zone and 200 foot buffer.
- The assessment makes no mention of the potential vernal pool.
- The site is within the town's aquifer protection district which is also not mentioned in the assessment.

Based on the preliminary review, the developer will need review and approval from the Conservation Commission for compliance with the Wetland Protection Act, the Wetlands Administrative Bylaw, and the Stormwater Management Bylaw.

- Permit requirement for construction of a two-car garage at 63 Parker Street. The Commission will require a Notice of Intent due to the proximity of the wetlands to the proposed building.
- Withdraw of water from Assabet River/Taylor Brook. The amount of water for HydroSeed activities may not be enough to cause an alteration. The biggest concern was transferring possible aquatic invasive plants from one place to another. The other issue is trespassing on private property. In addition, the bridge over Taylor Brook may be compromised by beaver activity and may not support a truck loaded with water.
- Soil borings for ARRT design work is scheduled for July 7 at Winter Street/Great Road intersection. No permit is required from the Commission for these borings.

LAND MANAGEMENT:

- Cultural application form for Carbone Park. The agent will fill out the form and form a partnership with the Cultural Council.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:06