

## TOWN OF MAYNARD

### MAYNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, October 7, 2014, 7:00 – 9:26 pm

Basement Conference Room, Town Hall

#### PRESENT:

Commission Members: Fred King (chairman), John Dwyer, Jessica Pfeifer, John Thomas, Jr. and Carrie O'Connell  
Agent: Linda Hansen

Visitors: Roger and Jeanne Gay (3 Shore Ave), Jay and Elizabeth Drury (5 Shore Ave.), and Richard Harrington (applicant's consultant). Abutters: Marshall Hall, Zoe Wakefield, Jim Fulton, and Angelo and Nina Tiddia. Bernard Hamill and John Berglund (Keene Ave) and Vic Tomyl.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- Review minutes from 09/02/2014 and 09/16/2014. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to accept the 9/02/2014 minutes as amended. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to accept the 9/16/2014 minutes as written.

#### PUBLIC HEARING:

- Notice of Intent (7:00)  
49-51 Waltham Street  
Skylight, LLC

Redevelopment of Oriental Delight property. Mr. Harrington addressed the Commission and discussed two modifications since the previous hearing. The Planning Board requested the applicant remove parking spaces along the driveway entrance from Arthur Street to maintain the required setbacks, decreasing the impervious pavement by 44%. The deep sump catch basin previously proposed can achieve 44% TSS removal. The applicant plans to upgrade the deep sump catch basin to Contech CDS that can achieve greater than 80% TSS removal. The Contech Jellyfish system designed to address phosphorus may not be economically feasible. The Commission requested that the applicant's consultant research some other proprietary system that address phosphorus removal.

The abutters are concerned about the level of groundwater in the vicinity of the project. The neighbors who abut the culvert, all run sump pumps constantly in their basements to remove water. They feel the situation has gotten worse in the past few years.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) with the applicant's permission to continue the hearing until October 21 at 7:30.

#### WETLANDS/STORMWATER ISSUES:

- Keene Ave subdivision stormwater management (8:00). Mr. Hamill presented the project to the Commission for the stormwater system design for the six houses currently shown on the subdivision plan. Two additional homes are planned and will be added to the plan after the closing of 111 Great Road. The Commission questioned the soil evaluation. The observations made during the excavation of the test pits was sand and gravel, however, the SW calculations use sandy loam for infiltration rates. The calculations need to be consistent with the observations.

The retention basin needs to be four feet above the water table. The retention basin has a five feet retaining wall and a chain link fence around the perimeter. Additional test pits will be excavated the following week near the location of the proposed retention basin. The plan calls for the bottom of the basin to be vegetated and the exfiltration rates should use the soil values at the bottom of the basin. Mr. King requested that the duration of the hydrographs in HydroCAD calculations need to be extended until the basin drains. The HydroCAD calculations also need to include the runoff from the two additional houses proposed.

Mr. Tomyl commented that the Town should not be responsible for the maintenance of the retention basin. The homeowners in the subdivision should be responsible for the long-term operation and maintenance. He also

agrees that the SW management plan should incorporate all the proposed houses, not just the six shown on the plan.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) with the applicant's permission to continue the meeting until October 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00.

- OOC for Waltham Street, Parcel 219, Lot 2 appealed by abutter. The Commission received the appeal on September 30<sup>th</sup>. DEP scheduled a site visit for 2:00 on October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Enforcement Order issued for 3 Shore Ave.

The homeowners were attempting to remove the purple loosestrife along the shore line. The homeowners were using a small backhoe to remove the root ball within the river sediment. The sediment was stock piled along the shoreline. The plan was to cover the sediment with black plastic to kill the seed pods. The remaining sediment would be used to fill the holes left from their tree removal project. The Commission requested that they complete a permit application. In the interim, the Commission asked that the removed sediment be consolidated and covered in black plastic. The boulders removed from the river will be dealt with after the permit process is completed. The agent will confirm the permitting process with an email to the property owner and email the link for the Notice of Intent application.

- Complaint received regarding the removal of trees at 168 Summer Street that are potentially on Conservation property. The Commission will need a plot plan of the property or the neighbor's property to confirm if the trees were on Conservation land. The agent is in contact with the neighbors at 170 Summer Road for their plot plan.
- Complaint received regarding the removal of vegetation from the river's edge at 20 Powdermill. The agent will send the property owner a violation notice regarding the clear cutting of all the vegetation along the river's edge. The notice will request a meeting with the Commission to discuss restoration/mitigation.

#### **LAND MANAGEMENT:**

- Schedule a fall cleanup at Walcott Woods. The agent would like to schedule another round of clean up prior to the annual yard waste collection.
- Chestnut tree plantings at Rockland Ave soccer field location. Mr. Recane sent the agent an email requesting permission to plant additional trees at the soccer field location.

#### **Mail of note:**

- Email from Craig Force regarding invasive plant removal at Taylor Road subdivision

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:26**