

TOWN OF MAYNARD

MAYNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, March 17 2015, 6:30 – 8:55 pm

OMS Conference Room, Town Hall

PRESENT:

Commission Members: Fred King (chairman), John Dwyer, and Carrie O'Connell.

Visitors: Steve Poole, Danny Goguen, Marti Nover, Kim Burlingame, Vicki Parsons, Becky Williamson, David Mark, Tom Kelleher, Carol O'Leary, Doug Lyons

Agent: Linda Hansen

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- Review minutes from 03/03/2015. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (3-0) to accept the 03/03/2015 minutes as written.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Notice of Intent

Assabet River Rail Trail

Marti Nover, representative

Ms. Nover presented the project to the Commission. Existing resource areas include the riverfront associated with Taylor Brook, Assabet River, and Pratt's Brook, bordering vegetated wetlands, potential vernal pool, bank, land under water, and bordering land subject to flooding. DEP commented that no flood storage compensation was provided for the bridge replacement work. The area that is now a riverfront park was previously filled. The hydraulic model (HEC-RAS) showed "no rise" condition to the base flood elevation with the replacement of the existing pedestrian bridge.

The Commission reviewed the plans and discussed the areas of impact. The bridge replacement documentation quantifies land under water impacts in a very conservative fashion to allow for sand bags and possible dewatering. The consultant feels that only the southeast corner may be impacted.

The Commission and applicant discussed the location and replication of wetlands along the trail.

Ms. Williamson provided the Commission a description of how DOT handles the control of invasive plants on the trail. The Commission can include removal of invasive plants in the Order of Conditions with a statement that a site inspection will be done in the spring. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by present to continue the hearing until April 7 at 7:00. The agent will prepare draft special conditions for review prior to the hearing on April 7th.

WETLANDS/STORMWATER ISSUES:

- Permitting requirements for re-establishing the pond at 62 Glendale St (farm). The property owner, Mr. Goguen and his consultant would like to re-establish the pond in the former cattle field. The snow cover has not allowed the consultant to survey the location of the previous pond, and therefore could not provide the Commission with a proposed plan. Mr. King stressed that the pond could be permitted as a wildlife enhancement project and would need to meet the performance standards. The requirements would include improved wildlife habitat with native plantings. Commission recommended the applicant look for historical data for the existence of the pond.
- The agent reminded the Commission that the DEP meeting to address flooding on Hayes Street is scheduled for April 28 at 5:00.

LAND MANAGEMENT:

- David Mark volunteered to assist with rebuilding the Assabet River walk boardwalk. The Commission will review the new regulations to establish the permitting requirements. Mr. Mark will provide a cost estimate for building a boardwalk using various types of material.

- Tapping of maple trees on town land (again). Various reports were made to the Commission office regarding the locations of trees that are being tapped including a number on town owned land. The Assistant Town Manager has agreed to handle these trespass issues.

BUSINESS:

- Reminder that the April 21 meeting was rescheduled until April 28.
- Review Draft Stormwater Management Bylaw regulations. The agent has a more recent version and plans to go over a page or two of the draft during each subsequent meeting
- Proposed Riverfest events submit to committee by March 26. The agent will forward the email request to the Commission.

Mail of note:

- ARRT Water Quality Certification
- ARRT Environmental Notification Form
- ARRT Application for a Chapter 91 Waterways License

Meeting Adjourned: 8:55