

TOWN OF MAYNARD
MAYNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes, May 26, 2015, 6:40 – 9:04 pm
OMS Lower Level, Town Hall

PRESENT:

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

Visitors: none

Agent: Linda Hansen

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- Review minutes from 05/12/2015. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (3-0, one abstained) to accept the minutes as amended.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- None

WETLANDS/STORMWATER ISSUES:

- Town Hall riverfront violation discussion with Andrew Scribner-MacLean
Mr. Scribner-MacLean stated that the Town understands that the scope of the project has expanded since this fall when the original plan of tree trimming and cleanup of invasive plants. The Town also understands that the Town needs to comply with the permitting procedures. The scope will include the clearing, grading, loam and seed on the area behind the parking lot. A catch basin and a grassy swale will be installed at the base of Riverbank Road. They would like to continue pulling up the tree roots and apply fiber mats or straw prior to submitting an NOI.

No work can be done without approval from the Conservation Commission with the exception of immediate installation of erosion controls such as fiber logs. The Commission suggested that the area within 25 feet of the river needs to be natural vegetation and not altered. Mr. King suggested that DPW install a deep sump catch basin with an oil/gas separator and a bee hive hood at the base of Riverbank Road.

Mr. Scribner-MacLean did not like the tone of the letter or the process of how the violation was delivered and suggested that these matters should be handled more face to face with a stronger customer service approach.

- Amending the rail trail OOC to include the 129 Acton sewer project. After discussion with the design consultant, the agent will prepare a new filing for the sewer line project located at 129 Acton Street, the abandoned rail corridor, and Brown Street.
- Assabet River Wildlife Refuge roadway work and lack of erosion controls. The agent will make a call to Libby Herland to discuss the lack of erosion controls and how this work should be handled in the future.
- Clock Tower flow control devices. The agent inquired if the Commission knew if the flow monitoring devices were still in the river. The Commission stated that they were attached to the Route 117/62 bridge.
- Dock permit for Taft Ave. The agent had an inquiry regarding the construction of a dock on Taft Ave. The area along the riverfront is protected land, and cannot be used to access a dock.

LAND MANAGEMENT:

- Schedule a meeting with owner of 18 Winter Street. The Commission discussed the discrepancy between the amount of the appraisal from 2008 and the amount the property owners would like for the property. The Commission suggested that the owners get a bona fide offer for the property and then the Town has the opportunity to match the offer (with first right of refusal).
- Field observations of vernal pool on Winter Street. Water levels were so low, that no eggs could be found in the pool.

BUSINESS:

- L. Hansen on vacation on June 23-25.
- The Commission suggested moving the next meeting until June 9th to accommodate the filing from the Town for the riverfront project.

Mail of note:

- MACC soil and erosion control free workshops

Meeting Adjourned: 9:04