

**MAYNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes, July 6, 2010, 6:30 – 9:09**

**PRESENT:** Commission Members: Fred King (chairman), John Dwyer, Doug Moore, Peter Keenan, and Jessica Pfeifer.

Conservation Agent: Linda Hansen

Visitors: Edward Denn

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

- Review minutes from 06/15/10. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to approve the minutes as written.

**FINANCIAL:**

- L. Hansen's salary for 07/03 to 07/16 = \$817.31 (34.5 hrs). A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to pay L. Hansen's salary.
- MACC annual dues for FY 11 = \$433.00. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to pay the MACC annual dues.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- Request for Determination  
5 Balcom Lane  
Mr. Edward Denn

Placement of a shed in buffer zone

The agent explained that the shed was discovered during a site visit to confirm that the contractor had put in the concrete bounds and replaced the grass seed with a native seed mix as conditioned in the RDA. The agent contacted the new homeowners and provided them with the site plan that was submitted as part of the Request for Determination. Mr. Denn would like to keep the shed in the present location. The Commission discussed three options regarding the shed, 1) move the shed outside the no disturb zone; 2) have Acton Survey provide a recordable plan that would put a buffer zone easement in the area where the rain garden is, or 3) file a NOI to keep the shed in place. Mr. Denn agreed that the best option was to provide the Commission with recordable plan and keep the shed in place. The Commission reviewed the Determination of Applicability and agreed that Negative Determination #3 was applicable with conditions that Mr. King drafted at the hearing. The Commission will sign the Determination of Applicability after reviewing the recordable plan. With Mr. Denn's permission, the Commission will continue the hearing until 7:00 on July 27<sup>th</sup> or until the recordable plan is complete.

**WETLANDS AND LAND MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

- 28 Mockingbird Lane--The agent contacted Comcast to deal with their cable that was strung through municipal land without permission and is waiting for a reply. The adjacent property belongs to BOS and not the Conservation Commission, although the agent will follow through on the request for Comcast to remove the cable and the trees that have fallen on the cable.
- 21 Wood Lane, proposed addition is within the 50 foot buffer zone. The Commission agreed that this project would require a Notice of Intent because of its proximity to the wetlands and the need for mitigation.
- Beaver activities at 31 and 35 Harrison Street were determined by the Board of Health and the Department of Public Health not to constitute a public health concern.
- 64 Powder Mill Road (Creative Landscaping), the agent noted additional soil stockpiling and debris on the property inside the riverfront zone. The agent will contact the manager again and request compliance.
- 15 Pleasant Street, agent observed that the pool was removed and replaced with lawn and the deck is under construction.

- Fairfield and Parker Street neighborhood awareness letter stirred concern—owner provided permission for neighbors to dump yard waste and wood ash debris in the wetland.
- Harrison Street culvert issue. A site visit by the Commission found that the plant growth in the culvert is willow roots. The agent visited with Mrs. Dufour at 35 Harrison Street and discussed the best method for removing the root material that does not require a permit from the Commission. The growth of root material in the culvert will be an ongoing problem because the willow tree is adjacent to the culvert.
- 5 Burns Court. Mr. King conducted a site visit and reported to the Commission that the beaver activities have raised the water levels and this has brought in a small population of ducks. Mr. King stated that this project is for the most part in compliance, although it has not progressed much recently.

**BUSINESS:**

**Discussion:**

- Meeting held on June 29 with Allan Bishop to finalize GIS maps. The unique features and the open space maps still need finalizing. The open space map includes other municipal parcels that are not technically open space, such as the Town Hall, fire station, and the municipal parking lot. The Commission agreed to ask Allan Bishop to revise the map and remove the parcels that are obviously not open space parcels.
- High School project—review preliminary schematic site plan. The Commission reviewed the conceptual site plan. Some adjustments can be made to stay outside the buffer zones. The Commission would like to see an existing conditions plan. The agent will contact the wetlands consultant and request one for the meeting on July 13.
- Agent vacation scheduled from July 14 to July 21.
- New policy regarding the recording of OOCs was briefly discussed. The option of having the conservation agent record OOCs for applicants is not feasible in some situations and will not be required.

**Mail of note:**

- MACC newsletter
- Mass. Congress of Lake and Pond Association newsletter

**Meeting adjourned 9:09**