

MAYNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes, December 21, 2010, 6:30 – 8:08

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

Conservation Agent: Linda Hansen

Visitors: Ron Kay (6 Windmill Drive)

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- Review minutes from 12/07/10. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to approve the minutes of 12/07/10 as amended.

FINANCIAL:

- L. Hansen's salary for 12/18 to 12/31 = \$947.60. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to approve L.Hansen's salary.
- L. Hansen's expenses = \$113.12. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to approve L.Hansen's expenses.
- MACC handbook on CD = \$44. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to approve the purchase of the CD.

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

WETLANDS/STORMWATER ISSUES:

- Review the changes to the trails map. The Reeves Road trail entrance will need to be modified, and the Carbone Park trail can be modified to include a small loop. Some alignment of the trail entrances with the property lines will also need to be made. The agent will contact Allan Bishop to make these changes.
- Review Site Plan Review documents for 170 Main Street. Mr. King did a preliminary review of the site plan documents submitted to the Planning Board. One omission included a map of the watershed in the drainage report. The soil testing demonstrated the presence of fill, which may present a problem with potential infiltration of stormwater on site. Additional information regarding the quality of the soil or the potential presence of contaminants may be required before infiltration can be proposed or used at the site. Mr. King will complete the project review for the next meeting.
- Tree cutting on Rockland Ave (behind Marble Farms). The agent checked whether the trees on the adjacent property were cut, since many trees were cut in that area, but based on the site plans for Marble Farms, the trees are still in place adjacent to the wetlands.
- 14 Riverside Ave, status of filing and wetland flagging. The wetland delineator noted a difference in the flagging she did for the rail trail and the flagging that was done for the property owner on his lot adjacent to the rail trail. The Commission has not received a filing and the agent will send a reminder letter.

LAND MANAGEMENT:

- Maple syrup agreement for Assabet River walk. Mr. Kay is interested in tapping trees near the entrance at Concord Road. The Commission inquired about what type of insurance he has that would cover liability and property damage. His plan is to put up approximately 12 taps around mid-February. Mr. Kay will identify the trees on the property that he plans to tap. The Commission will review conditions as part of an agreement and discuss this possible agreement and compensation with the Town Administrator.

BUSINESS:

Discussion:

- Update on 18 Winter Street. The agent sent the property owner an email with information regarding the tax status of the property and the estimated rollback taxes for the parcel. The DPW informed the agent that property records for the Town garage site do not show any easement granted for access over the bridge to the 18 Winter Street property. The agent will prepare an example notice of intent to sell letter for the property owner.
- Open Space citizen surveys need to be summarized. Ms. Pfeifer will complete the Excel file for summarizing the surveys. Mr. Moore will begin the process during the holiday break.
- Approve agent vacation from Dec 24 until January 2 (total of four days = 16 hours). A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (5-0) to approve L.Hansen's vacation.
- Review FY2012 budget. The agent will submit the FY2012 budget that includes a salary budget for 24 hours per week for the agent that is fully funded by the town. The agent will review the revenue for the past few years to determine if the revenue accounts can support a portion of the annual salary.

Mail of note:

- Division of Fish and Wildlife BioMap2 publication
- Division of Ecological Restoration newsletter
- Audubon Land Protection Newsletter

Meeting adjourned. 8:08