

TOWN OF MAYNARD

MAYNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, October 4, 2011, 6:30 – 8:37

Conservation Commission Office, Town Hall

PRESENT: Commission Members: Fred King (chairman), Peter Keenan, John Dwyer, and Doug Moore.
Conservation Agent: Linda Hansen
Visitor: Bernard Donahue

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- Review minutes from 9/20/2011. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to approve the minutes of 09/20/11 as written.

FINANCIAL:

- L. Hansen's salary for 09/24/11 to 10/07/11 = \$971.20. Mr. King signed the payroll form.
- Approve MACC fall conference registration fee for Dr. Dwyer = \$95. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to approve payment for the registration fee.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Notice of Intent
14 Riverside Park
Bernard Donahue

Repair existing tile drainage pipe and restore wetland resource area. The Commission made a site visit prior to the hearing. The drainage ditch had previously been dug up without a permit and in August 2010 the Commission issued a violation notice. The scared edges of the drainage ditch and the disturbed wetland areas have since filled in with vegetation.

Mr. Donohue plans to complete the project by adding filter fabric, stone, and fill to the ditch and replacing the ceramic drainage pipes with PVC pipes. The entire project is in the floodplain, although this project is a considered a temporary disturbance of the flood plain. The Commission wants Mr. Donohue to add stone at the outfall of the pipe where it discharges to the river. During the installation phase, the Commission requested that a small temporary coffer dam be constructed upstream of the first 90 degree turn of the drainage pipe to trap the silt prior to discharge to the river. After the installation of stone, filter fabric, and pipe as described in the NOI, the drainage ditch will be filled and level with the property. No excavation will be done with the exception of removing debris from the ditch. Normal maintenance of the ditch would allow Mr. Donohue to rake out the collected debris, including leaves, duck weed, etc. without additional permitting.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to close the hearing. The agent will draft an Order of Condition and distribute the OOC prior to the next meeting for review.

WETLANDS/STORMWATER ISSUES:

- Monitor restoration activities at Lodge of Elks at 24 Powder Mill Road. The agent will continue to try contacting the MIG construction manager, Chris Keefe to address the patchiness of the seed application and to re-seed the right of way.
- High School project erosion control expected to be complete. The agent will check with OPM on the status of erosion control and the installation of the perimeter fencing. Blasting of the rocky outcrops is expected to begin this week.

LAND MANAGEMENT:

- Release of Conservation Land Memorandum of Understanding signed and check received for appraisal. The Commission took a vote to release the 2 acre parcel of conservation land located at Rockland Ave. (Map 5, lot 4). A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) that the two acre Chapter 97 land is no longer needed for such purpose. Ms. Pfeifer was not present for this vote and an additional vote will be made at the next meeting on October 18 (after she has been sworn in).

- Schedule site visit at 18 Winter Street and/or public hearing for warrant articles Action Unlimited.

BUSINESS:

- Prepare presentation for Town Meeting warrant articles. The agent will draft a Powerpoint presentation to distribute to the Commission for their review.
- Review letter to the editor for OARS clean up activities. The agent will submit the letter to the Beacon for publishing.

Mail of note:

- Request for Determination received for 14 Riverside Park. The agent will inquire with Stowe about what they required from Mr. Donohue to use Crowe Island as a boat rental location.
- Request from MACC to complete State Outdoors survey. The agent will send out the direct link to the state website with the survey information.

Meeting adjourned 8:37