

TOWN OF MAYNARD
MAYNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes, March 12, 2013, 6:30 – 9:12 pm
Conservation Commission Office, Town Hall

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

Agent: Linda Hansen

Visitors: Myron Fox, Scott Goddard, Robert Dipietro, Todd Lyons, representing 129 Parker Street and residents (see attached list)

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- None

PUBLIC HEARING:

- None

WETLANDS/STORMWATER ISSUES:

- Environmental concerns related to demolition activities at 129 Parker Street. The demolition activities trigger the Town of Maynard Stormwater Management bylaw. The Commission requests an after the fact filing from the developer. The Commission inquired with the EPA regarding the filing of a Notice of Intent for a construction general permit. EPA confirmed that no construction general permit has been applied for.

Mr. Fox, representing Capital Group, introduced Mr. Goddard, their environmental expert. He updated the Commission on the current status of the site. The larger building (PK3) and one smaller building (PK1) have been demolished. The footprint of the building is now exposed revealing a sand base. Small insulation particles (Styrofoam) are present throughout the site. Mr. Goddard and Todd Lyons (site supervisor) did a recon of the site on Monday and located all the catch basins—some are buried by debris. Three of the five catch basins had silt sacks installed this afternoon. Two catch basins, in the low point of the western portion of the site, were blocked so no water could enter the catch basins to act as a sediment basin.

Mr. Goddard acknowledged that no filing was made to the Commission to comply with the Stormwater Management Bylaw and they will prepare a filing in the near future. He recognizes that no NPDES/construction general permit coverage was filed nor was a SWPPP (stormwater pollution prevention plan) prepared.

Mr. King invited comments from the audience. Mrs. Wheeler asked about a way to contain the small Styrofoam pellets, not only from entering the catch basins, but from being wind-blown. She also asked about any hazardous material on site. Asbestos removal was done on the two building prior to demolition. Mr. King noted that a SWPPP would need to address wind-blown material. Mrs. Thayer asked about the rock crushing activities that were proposed. Mr. Depietri responded that the foundation material will be crushed on site.

Mr. Kulik inquired about the debris in the detention basin, noting that debris was observed on the surface of the pond. Mr. Goddard responded that pond surface was cleaned periodically. The wetland area in the front of the building adjacent to Parker Street drains to the detention basin.

Mr. Fox stated that the debris piles should be removed within the next three weeks. The Conservation agent will email the Stormwater Management permit form to Mr. Goddard.

Mrs. Wheeler was concerned about the compost/mulch material stored on the western area of the site. The material was from the removal of trees that were chipped and stored on site. The concern was whether these piles should be surrounded by erosion control. The Commission will determine if erosion control is warranted during a site visit. A site visit was scheduled for Saturday, March 16 at 10:00 AM.

- Update on floating debris from Waltham Street bridge project. The agent was notified by Alison at OARS regarding the presence of floating debris in the river downstream of the Waltham Street bridge project. The agent conducted a site visit on Monday, March 11 with DOT officials and the MIG project manager. The pipe insulation

material was accidentally dropped into the river. The white fabric found in and along the river is from the small sand bags. Some sand bags deteriorated and the material has washed downstream. A large pile of sand bags are being stored in the river. The officials and the MIG project manager were made aware of the concerns and were asked to put procedures in place to avoid future migration of construction debris.

LAND MANAGEMENT:

- None

BUSINESS:

- Review letter to Planning Board regarding Neighborhood Overlay District zoning changes. Mr. Keenan drafted a letter that addresses the concerns of the Conservation Commission. Mr. King stated that the letter should make clear that this letter addresses Article one regarding the zoning changes and Article two regarding the concept plan. Additional information was added to the paragraph concerning Article two. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to send the letter to the chair of the Planning Board and copied to TA, BOS and Myron Fox.
- The Commission will conduct a site visit to Cutting lots on Old Marlboro on March 16 after the 129 Parker Street site walk.
- High School site visit tentatively scheduled for March 19 @ 5:30. Ms. Pfeifer is not available for the site walk and Mr. Keenan may not be able to attend.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Next Conservation Commission meeting, **March 19, 2013** (meeting was rescheduled to March 20th).
- Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference, **March 23**, Worcester

Meeting Adjourned: 9:12