

Maynard Conservation Commission Meeting
July 10, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.
195 Main Street
Municipal Services Conference Room

Board Members Present: James Bullis – Chairman, John Dwyer, Karen O’Reilly, Andrew Snyder

Others Present: Gene Crouch – VHB/Interim Agent

Called to Order at 6:30 p.m. by James Bullis

Administrative Business

The Commission reviewed the submitted minutes of May 15, June 7, and June 26. There were some minor revisions made to wording and corrections made to typographical errors and the misspelling of Karen O’Reilly’s last name.

Gene Crouch indicated that he has the recording of the May 15 meeting and would be making additional revisions and additions to the May 15 minutes.

John Dwyer made a motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2018, which was seconded by Andrew Snyder.

The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Karen O’Reilly made a motion to approve the submitted minutes of June 26, 2018, which was seconded by John Dwyer.

The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Public Meeting: Drainage Improvements at 12 Great Road (Erikson’s Ice Cream)

The public meeting was continued until August 12, 2018 at 6:30.

Public Meeting: 129 Parker Street Downstream Sewer Improvements Project

Victor Olson with Stantec (the engineering firm hired by the town for the project) introduced Lori Benoit, Wetland Scientist from Stantec, and Aaron Miklosko, Director of Maynard DPW. Aaron provided a brief overview of the project, stating that one requirement of the 129 Parker Street project was to do an assessment of the available capacity of utilities – both drinking water and sewer – in relation to the needs of the town. As a result of the assessment, it was determined that a rehabilitation of the town sewer would be needed in order to accommodate the sewer from the 129 Parker Street project.

The town applied for and received a \$3.2 million grant from the state for the sewer rehabilitation. Construction would likely begin in late fall. Victor presented a map of the town and reviewed details of the specific improvements to be made. The project will include new sewer lines, upgraded sewer lines, new pumps, new manholes, and other improvements.

Lori Benoit presented an overview of the impact to the town wetlands, streams, and buffer zones in relation to the Notice of Intent. There will be no impact to rare species. There will be temporary impacts within the buffer zone due to excavation of the existing roadway. Any impacts to vegetation at the side of the roads would be re-seeded. There will also be temporary impacts to the pump house area, which would be re-seeded as well. A new pump station will be put in, and the soil that is removed during excavation will be replaced with new soil.

Sandra Martucci of Hayes Street stated that she believes the pipes on Hayes Street were originally put in too high because her basement floods during heavy rains. Sandra's husband, John Martucci, also expressed his frustration with the drainage and asked for assistance to address the issue. Aaron Miklosko pointed out that the pipes the resident referenced are drainage pipes, and the project being discussed is specific to sewer pipes. He referred to a report that was provided by Stantec to the town a few years ago detailing the recommendations for potential improvements to the drainage on Hayes Street. He pointed out that Stantec's review indicates that the issue is not due to poor drainage or improper design. He also stated that the Town Administrator had sent out a letter to all abutters in December providing them with information on the steps that the town has taken to address the issue and some options to consider on a case-by-case basis.

A resident of Assabet Street stated that there is an issue with erosion on Fletcher Street as well as water runoff on Assabet Street. Sandra Martucci mentioned that there is also an erosion issue on Hayes Street.

Andrew Snyder made a motion to close the Public Hearing, which was seconded by John Dwyer.

The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

John Dwyer made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions pending review of the drafted Order, which was seconded by Andrew Snyder.

The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Business – Draft Letter to 213 Main Street

Gene was able to determine the owners of the property and will draft the letter to send out. There are four different owners at four separate addresses.

Gene was not able to find a recorded order for the property. The owners will need to record the order first and then comply with the conditions thereof.

Kaitlin Young accepted the position of Conservation Agent/Assistant Town Planner and will begin the first week of August. She will go through an orientation with Gene prior to beginning in the role.

The Commission discussed the schedule of upcoming meetings.

Andrew Snyder made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Karen O'Reilly.

The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Adjourned at 7:51