

**Maynard Conservation Commission Meeting
June 7, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.
195 Main Street, Basement Conference Room**

Board Members Present: Ellen Greendale – Acting Chair, John Dwyer, Karen O’Reilly, Andrew Snyder

Board Members Absent: James Bullis

Others Present: Wayne Amico – Town Engineer, Gene Crouch – VHB

Called to Order at 6:35 p.m. by Ellen Greendale

Administrative Business

The Board reviewed the Minutes from May 8, 2018 and May 15, 2018. The Board discussed some minor amendments to the proposed Minutes of May 8, 2018 and made the amendments.

Andrew Snyder made a motion to approve the amended Minutes of May 8, 2018, which was seconded by John Dwyer.

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

The Board discussed their interest in having more detail added to the proposed Minutes of May 15, 2018.

John Dwyer made a motion to table the Minutes of May 15, 2018 until additional information is added, which was seconded by Andrew Snyder.

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

Public Meeting

Ellen Greendale opened the meeting to discuss the Town of Maynard Water and Sewer Department’s request for a Determination of Applicability for replacement of the water supply well 06G off Rockland Avenue, which lies within a buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetlands. Wayne Amico provided some background on the request. During a recent cleaning protocol (when the well pump gets pulled up, cleaned, and reinstalled), Stantec Engineers and their drilling consultant determined that a rock came loose within the well and the pump got jammed. There were four or five different mechanisms used, including an extensive process with a vibratory crane with a hammer attached, in an attempt to free the blockage to no avail. Both Stantec and Maynard DPW determined that the well has been rendered useless and unrecoverable and will need to be filled and capped according to DEP procedures. Based on the emergency, DEP provided authorization to create a new well, which is being created ten feet from

the old well using the same aquifer. The town filed a Determination of Applicability in order to move forward with the new well.

Gene Crouch provided details of the proposed well, which will be slightly larger than the unrecoverable well, and explained the drilling process. Ellen Greendale asked for clarification about a hose that might go across the wetlands. Gene explained that once the well is in place, the DPW will conduct a pump test for the MassDEP, which will require a temporary discharge hose be laid by hand through a wetland area.

Andrew Snyder asked what percentage of the town's water came from the unrecoverable well. The well was one of seven, which are used in rotation rather than all at once. John Dwyer asked approximately how long the process would take to get the new well drilled and up and running. Wayne Amico estimated that it would take at least a couple months.

The Board discussed requiring the following conditions for a negative determination with regard to the well:

- Add a compost filter tube for erosion control
- Replace any damage to vegetation from the work process

John Dwyer made a motion to issue a Determination of Applicability for the well project and to issue a Negative Determination 3 with Conditions. The motion was seconded by Andrew Snyder.

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

Business

Ellen Greendale provided an update on the search for a Conservation Agent. She and John Dwyer have attended the interviews of two candidates so far. There will be a couple more candidates interviewed. Ellen and John will report back with their recommendation for the most suitable candidate for the job. John Dwyer pointed out that the position can be reposted if there is not a good fit with any of the existing candidates. The entire Conservation Commission will have an opportunity to participate in the final interview.

The Board discussed a violation at 213 Main Street, where there were conditions in place for a previous permit. The owner was not supposed to mow beyond 30' from the back of the building in order to leave natural habitat along the river. However the land has been mowed all the way down to the river. The Commission, Wayne Amico, and Gene Crouch will investigate to determine exactly what the original conditions were and how the landowner is in violation of them before having a conversation with the landowner.

The Commission had a discussion about Open Meeting Law and how it applies to an interview process.

Wayne Amico informed the Commission of a violation at Fowler Street where the property owner enlarged their yard, which lies within the Buffer Zone, without getting permission from the Conservation Commission. He and Gene Crouch will do more investigation to determine the extent of the violation and report back to the Conservation Commission.

Gene Crouch mentioned that EverSource had sent notification of a proposal to do right-of-way maintenance, which might include herbicide treatment, but he was unable to determine exactly where. He will follow up with EverSource for more information.

John Dwyer made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Andrew Snyder.

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

Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Exhibits Presented:

Plan of replacement well 06G location from RDA.