



**TOWN OF MAYNARD**  
**Conservation Commission**

**Minutes 4/9/2019**

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**Commission Members Present:** James Bullis (Chair), M. John Dwyer, Laura Mattei, Christopher Butler

**Conservation Administrator:** Kaitlin Young

**Absent:** Andrew Snyder

**Others Present:** Paul Kirchner (Stamski and McNary Inc.)

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**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

**Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM by Chairman James Bullis**

**Approval of Minutes**

*Ms. Mattei made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/12/2019, which was seconded by Mr. Dwyer and passed unanimously.*

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**31 Main Street - Stormwater Management Permit**

Greg Adams of 31 Main Street LLC, P.O. Box 504, Maynard, MA, filed for a Stormwater Management Permit pursuant to the Municipal Stormwater Management Bylaw for the replacement of the existing structure with a mixed-use building consisting of five (5) residential units and first floor commercial space, located at 31 Main Street. Mr. Paul Kirchner of Stamski and McNary, Inc. presented the stormwater information and explained that the Planning Board had already approved the plan.

Ms. Young explained that the engineering peer review of the project recommended two conditions. One was that if an outflow connection to the Town's drainage is not feasible, the applicant would notify the Conservation Commission. Mr. Kirchner explained that they were in the process of trying to coordinate with DPW regarding the overflow connection, but had yet to verify if they could feasibly use it. The second recommended condition was that the applicant would provide an Illicit Discharge Statement prior to the beginning of construction.

Ms. Mattei raised concern regarding the trees on the abutting town owned parking lot. Ms. Mattei explained that the root systems for the trees could potentially be affected by the installation of the proposed subsurface infiltration bed. Mr. Kirchner recommended that filter fabric could be installed between the stormwater system and the trees to keep the roots from growing into the system, which the Commission agreed with. Mr. Dwyer and Ms. Mattei both recommended that if abutting trees became compromised by the installation of the stormwater system that the applicant shall provide mitigation in the form of on-site shrub planting or off site

tree planting, at the Commission's discretion. Ms. Mattei also recommended a condition that the applicant should provide a report from a certified arborist explaining the current health of the trees and the likelihood of the stormwater system compromising the health of the trees. Ms. Young also added that a condition should be added requiring that the applicant notify the Commission before the beginning of any construction.

*Mr. Butler made a motion to issue the Stormwater Management Permit with conditions for 31 Main Street, which was seconded by Laura and passed unanimously.*

### **247 Main Street - Notice of Intent**

Sergio Rubino of 14 Mague Avenue, Newton, MA 02465 filed a Notice of Intent pursuant to the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Maynard Wetland's Administration Bylaw for the proposed driveway expansion, re-vegetation, and site clean-up of 247 Main Street, which is located within the 200 foot Riverfront Area.

The hearing was not opened because the applicant did not provide sufficient abutter notification.

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### **Wetlands Enforcement at 94, 96, 100 Powder Mill Road**

Ms. Young explained that she did a site inspection of 94, 96, and 100 Powder Mill Road with Denise Child and Adam Riquier of the DEP, and that the site was filled with various types of debris. Ms. Young explained that the DEP had recommended the issuance of an enforcement order requiring the submission of a restoration plan for the three properties. The restoration plan would include the permanent marking of the 100 foot and 200 foot riverfront areas, the removal of the debris, and the re-naturalization of the first 100 feet of the riverfront area. Ms. Young explained that the enforcement order could not be issued until the ownership of the properties was clarified.

#### **Conservation Accounts**

*Mr. Butler made a motion to separate the CPC granted land purchase funds from the Conservation Land Fund into a separate account, which was seconded by Mr. Dwyer and passed unanimously.*

#### **Tree Removal Policy**

The Commission discussed the tree removal policy and decided that it needed to be simplified. Mr. Dwyer and Ms. Mattei recommended that the administrative approval of tree removal not be categorized by tree size nor resource area. The Commission agreed with the recommendations. Ms. Young said that she would edit the document.

#### **SuAsCo Small Community Grants Program**

Ms. Young presented to the Conservation Commission some information regarding the SuAsCo Small Community Grants Program and asked for assistance brainstorming possible projects. Overall, the Commission agreed that it would be beneficial to apply for funds for public engagement. Brainstorming ideas included mailings to properties abutting the river regarding the Wetlands Protection Act; assisting landowners by educating them on invasive species and

appropriate plant species; and creating a demonstration project along the river. Ms. Young said that she would begin pulling information together for the grant.

**Adjourned** at 9:00 p.m.

*Ms. Mattei made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and passed unanimously.*

Next meeting scheduled: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at Town Hall.

**Documents submitted list:**

Stormwater Management Permit Application for 31 Main Street

Site Visit Presentation for 94, 96, 100 Powder Mill Road

Conservation Account Document

Draft Tree Removal Policy

SuAsCo Small Community Grants Program