

**Marlborough Conservation Commission
Special Meeting
Marlborough Town Hall
June 21, 2005
7:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Don Hautman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the meeting room of Marlborough Town Hall.

2. ROLL CALL

The following Commission members were seated and voting:

Don Hautman
Gordon Isleib
Gale Busemeyer
Christine Miller

Also present:

Karen Bosshart
Peter Hughes

3. PUBLIC HEARING – APPLICATION #05-05 – KAREN BOSSHART, 379 JONES HOLLOW RD. – RESTORE POND

Karen Bosshart presented revised plans to the commission, showing a construction sequence, the hay bales and silt fence locations, the access for the equipment into the pond, the pump location to take the water out of the pond, the drainage location, three small stockpile areas for the debris, and the area to be cleared. The plans also show the location of the dam to be re-built, showing 12" PVC pipe and 12" riprap. The plans also display a side view, showing the riprap going behind the dam. There will be a depression, allowing water to flow over and go into the depression to minimize the impact on the stream. The plans show a diagram of the silt fence detail. Ms. Bosshart said that the plans represent a reiteration of what she explained at the previous meeting, but in more detail. Ms. Bosshart said that the PVC pipe is the primary regulator of the water level.

Mr. Hughes explained where the water comes from to the pond, which is springs and surface water. Ms. Bosshart explained how she determined the proposed depth of the pond. The expectation is that no water will be exiting the pond under normal conditions. There was a brief discussion about the pipe. Ms. Bosshart explained that fixing the dam only (with no other activity) is not a viable alternative because the dam is deteriorating and because of the level of silt in the pond. Mr. Hughes said he reviewed the plans with the town engineer, who is comfortable with them.

The commission went through the construction sequence and the clearing plan. Ms. Bosshart explained that the timing for the work will be dependent on the weather; if there is a lot of rain the work will need to be put off.

Don Hautman said that he believes an environmental assessment should be performed, and he explained his position. Gordon Isleib said he didn't feel an environmental assessment was necessary because there is no vegetation in the pond, and the pond is not supporting any ongoing ecological activity. Gael Busemeyer added that there is no diversion of Flat Brook and no interference of Flat Brook, with the exception of perhaps a 100-year storm raising the level of the pond, with overflow into Flat Brook. Even then, she added, there won't be herbicides and pesticides washing into the pond.

Motion by Gordon Isleib to close the public hearing for application #05-05, Karen Bosshart, 379 Jones Hollow Rd. The motion was seconded by Gale Busemeyer and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

4. OLD BUSINESS - APPLICATION #05-05 – KAREN BOSSHART, 379 JONES HOLLOW RD. – RESTORE POND

Motion by Gale Busemeyer to approve application #05-05, Karen Bosshart, 379 Jones Hollow Rd., with the following conditions: 1) E&S to be installed and approved by the WEO or Assistant WEO before activity may begin; 2) The WEO is to be notified when activity is initiated; 3) Once every two weeks, the activity is to be inspected by the WEO or Assistant WEO, or is inspected after each major storm event. A written report is to be submitted to the commission, summarizing the findings of each visit at each regular meeting until the work is completed and the site is stabilized and 3) With respect to the second step in the construction sequence (July 15th-August 15th), the following activity is to be added: clearing of woody vegetation on pond embankment through cutting – no excavation allowed to remove woody vegetation roots. The motion was seconded by Gordon Isleib. Gale Busemeyer, Gordon Isleib and Christine Miller voted in favor of the motion. Don Hautman opposed the motion. Motion passed.

5. ADJOURN

Motion by Gordon Isleib to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Christine Miller and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Sciano