

Marlborough Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Marlborough Town Hall
November 7, 2005
7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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
Jim Montstream
Christine Miller
Jack Bray

Also present:

John Spagna
Joel Fuller
Huber Hurlock

3. SHOW CAUSES HEARING – Natalie Olenick – 192 Hebron Road – Violation of IWWCA Regulations, Section 5

Don Hautman noted that the applicant was given until December to clear up the wood material. Much of the material has already been cleaned up.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.a Modification Request – 23 Lewis Road – John Spagna & Tina Deluco

Don Hautman read the update provided by Mr. Hughes in a memo to the commission dated November 7, 2005, advising the commission members that Mr. Spagna showed him a plan a few weeks ago that appears to address the drainage along the south side of the driveway below the intermittent water course. He also noted that the site is stable. Mr. Spagna showed the commission members a map of the driveway, explaining the drainage system. Mr. Spagna said that he is trying to eliminate more disturbance in the area. Mr. Spagna pointed out the location of the swale and the separate plunge pool. He noted that he is utilizing existing clearing limits. He said that the large stones alongside the driveway will not be moved as they are along the ledge. The swale will be located between the large stones and the silt fence, serving as a gutter. There will be no filter fabric in the swale system. There will be a 5 feet x 5 feet plunge pool. There was a brief discussion about how the water will dissipate. Don Hautman asked if it will be a direct shot into the stream. Mr. Spagna said that the water will dissipate into the undisturbed land (brush, weeds). He said that there was no runoff from the driveway during the recent days of heavy rain.

Motion by Jack Bray to approve the modification request for application #04-17 – John Spagna & Tina Deluco shown in revised plans dated November 7, 2005. The motion was seconded by Jim Montstream and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

4.b Application #05-18 – John & Kristi Marquis – 39 Chapman Road – Water Pump

Don Hautman noted that he and Gale Busemeyer visited the site and observed a small brick building, approx. 3 feet x 5 feet enclosing a pump. The pump is being used to pump water from a lake on the property to be used to water the rest of the yard. There is no wetland disturbance.

Motion by Jim Montstream to approve application #05-18 - John & Kristi Marquis – 39 Chapman Road – Water Pump. The motion was seconded by Jack Bray and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.a Application #05-23 – Huber Hurlock, applicant – Russell & Vi Schwarzmann, owner – 112 Hebron Road – Timber Harvesting

Mr. Hurlock, forest manager for the project, addressed the commission and explained the proposed activity. He explained that this is a 27-acre parcel and approx. 14 acres will be harvested. The lot will be accessed via Johnson Rd. and a wetland strip and brook needs to be crossed. Mr. Hurlock showed the commission members the location of the wetlands, explaining that there is an approx. 10-foot wide muddy area within an approx. 30-foot wide wetland area. The muddy area will require a bridge. The proposal is to construct a 20-foot bridge across the muddy area. The work will be done in the winter when the ground is frozen. If the ground does not freeze up adequately, the proposal is to lay logs in like a corduroy trouser, which will be removed at the end of the job. Mr. Hurlock said that, at the nearest point, the activity is approx. 150-feet from the watercourse. Don Hautman said that he wants the plans (drawings) to be marked with the harvesting limits. All the timber will be brought out over the wetland crossing. Mr. Hurlock explained that some areas will be harvested at about 50% of canopy and other areas will be harvested at around 25%. The goal is to remove the older trees so that the younger trees have a chance to develop. Mr. Hurlock said that some of the trees have been marked. The wetland area has not yet been flagged. Jim Montstream asked what equipment will be used and Mr. Hurlock replied that he is not sure. Once the approval is obtained, the job will go to bid. The work may not get done until next winter, given that it is already November.

Motion by Jim Montstream to schedule a special meeting for a site walk and possible action for application #05-23 – Huber Hurlock, applicant – Russell & Vi Schwarzmann, owner – 112 Hebron Road – Timber Harvesting on Saturday, November 12th at 8:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Christine Miller and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

Motion by Jack Bray to table application #05-23 – Huber Hurlock, applicant – Russell & Vi Schwarzmann, owner – 112 Hebron Road – Timber Harvesting to the special meeting on Saturday, November 12th at 8:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Jim Montstream and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

5.b Application #05-15 – Eastern Development – Hebron Road – Re-subdivision of Rear Lot

Joel Fuller, surveyor, addressed the commission and explained the application. He explained that the sub-division Solar Heights was divided up years ago, leaving a 14-acre parcel in the back. He said the topography on the site is steep. There will be a shared driveway. There is a wetland pocket on the site. There is an old road/driveway that was built years ago, with a swale alongside the road. The plan is to improve the driveway and the drainage along the driveway. The plan is to put a 2-foot bottom stone swale alongside the driveway.

Motion by Jim Montstream to schedule a site walk for Saturday, November 12th at 9:00 a.m. for application #05-15 – Eastern Development – Hebron Road – Re-subdivision of Rear Lot. The motion was seconded by Christine Miller and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

Motion by Jim Montstream to table application #05-15 – Eastern Development – Hebron Road – Re-subdivision of Rear Lot to the November 12th meeting. The motion was seconded by Christine Miller and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.a Community Development Advisory Commission – Nothing to report.

6.b Sewer Project – Nothing to report.

6.c Open Space Function – Peter Hughes, in his memo dated November 7th, advised that he is working on the Open Space Plan, and it will be mailed out before the December meeting. Also, the maps are being made and will be part of the plan.

6.d Town Center Area – Nothing to report.

6.e Oak Drive Drainage – Nothing to report.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Jim Montstream to table approval of minutes to the December 5th meeting. The motion was seconded by Jack Bray and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

8. WETLAND ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jim Montstream to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. The motion was seconded by Christine Miller and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Sciano