

Waltham Conservation Commission February 3, 2022 7:00 p.m. Meeting Agenda

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20," and subsequent relevant extension and rescinding orders, as well as "An Act relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency," 2021 Mass. Acts 20, signed into law on June 16, 2021, this meeting of the Waltham Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible.

For this meeting, members of the public may participate by joining at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85103903941?pwd=UW96YIZKU3hhenN2Z0NQWEk4dnRIUT09 Passcode: Waltham

We will post a link to the video recording at http://www.wcac.org/government/meetings/conservation-commission as soon as possible after the meeting.

Public Hearing

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 316-0798) (Continued from 1/20/2022)

Applicant: Curtis Beaton / Heles Irrevocable Trust

Property Location: 326 Lexington Street

Project Description: Construction of two single-family houses, driveway modifications, stormwater

management, and riverfront area restoration.

Public Meeting

Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0778) (Continued from 1/20/2022)

Applicant: Foth Infrastructure and Environment, LLC – Carlos G. Peña, P.E.

Property Location: 194 Moody Street (Moody Street Pier)

Public Meeting

Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: Elizabeth Moran

Property Location: 45 Woodchester Road

Project Description: Addition to single-family house, to include new back deck and addition to

existing porch.

Commission Business

- Approval of meeting minutes from 1-20-2022.
- Storer Conservation Land Encroachment.

Correspondence

- EverSource: Notification of Vegetation Maintenance Activities. Right-of-way clearing plans for 2022. Map included. Overlaps the planned rail trail route from the Market Basket access road to the Waltham-Weston line.
- Gannett News (Waltham News-Tribune) has notified Massachusetts municipalities that legal ads now need to be prepaid. This is a change from previous practice: ads were placed on behalf of applicants by the Commission and applicants received a bill from the paper. The change means that if applicants do not pre-pay for ads promptly and run them as scheduled, this will delay appearances at Commission meetings. ConCom office has posted instructions for applicants.
- Anthony Cardillo contacted Mr. Baker to thank the Commission for reminding him about the Red Maple required at 343 River Street as part of an order of conditions. He appreciated the reminder and suggested the Commission send written reminders for similar conditions in the future, so that contractors like Mr. Cardillo can pass these directly to home owners. Mr. Baker suggests sending a reminder letter as an automatic process one year after issuing conditions, especially to those using ConCom's baby trees. The ConCom office has already been working on implementing tracking of issued conditions for better follow-up with applicants.
- The City Engineering Department has provided a planting plan for the Lexington Street Outfall project (316-0797) for review.
- Regarding the same project (316-0797), DEP raised concerns over compensatory flood storage, stormwater standards, and the location of the outfall. Comments were not seen promptly as they were published in DEP's online system and not pushed to Engineering or ConCom. Engineering is now aware and in contact with DEP. Concerns have possibly been addressed in revised plans submitted prior to issuance of OOC.
- MSMCP has notified regarding potential ARPA funding for certain conservation-related projects.

Old Business

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Site Visit Reports

Mr. Baker. Paine Estate forest "Baby Hemlock research initiative."

Committee Reports

CPC: Next meeting is February 8, 2022.

New Business

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