



**Waltham Conservation Commission  
January 20, 2022  
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting took place via public Zoom call with participation information posted at City Hall, Government Center, and on the Commission's page of the City web site. Zoom information was circulated directly to all applicants and others on the public agenda.

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM.

**Attendees:** Chair Philip Moser, Vice Chair Bill Doyle, Gerard Dufromont, Michael Donovan, Matthew Deveau

**Absent:** Bradley Baker

**Public Hearing**

**Notice of Intent** (DEP File # 316-0798)

**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.

Applicant requested this be continued to the 2/3/2022 meeting to allow time to respond to the Commission's comments. Moved to continue by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Donovan. All present in favor. **Motion passed.**

**Public Meeting**

**Request for Certificate of Compliance** (DEP File # 316-0778)

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

**Property Location:** 194 Moody Street (Moody Street Pier)

No representative was present for the applicant. Mr. Deveau moved to take an item out of order and continue with the agenda. Mr. Doyle seconded.

**Commission Business**

- Approval of meeting minutes from 1-6-2022. Motion to approve by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All present in favor. **Motion approved.**
- Storer Conservation Land Encroachment. Mr. Moser noted recently sent letters to encroachers. Provided a summary of the survey project cost estimates, the survey to be in the Engineering Department budget.

- Proposed Revisions to Standard Special Conditions. Mr. Moser presented proposed changes. Some discussion. Motion to accept all proposed changes by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Doyle. All present in favor. **Motion passed.** The Commission office will make these changes to a new revision of the Standard Special Order of Conditions and circulate.

The Commission returned to the Request for Certificate of Compliance for 194 Moody Street. No representative was present. The Commission agreed that a Certificate of Compliance can be issued at this time, but did not want to set a precedent by doing this without a representative present. Mr. Doyle moved to continue; Mr. Dufromont seconded. All present in favor. **Motion passed.** Mr. Doyle noted that he plans to make an informal site visit before the next meeting.

### Correspondence

- Resident letter re: Hardy Pond area signage. Commission discussed both the signage and naming issues raised. Mr. Doyle provided historical information, including city council jurisdiction. Sign replacement will be a budget issue, but these signs are not Conservation Commission responsibility. The Commission may have a small amount of money budgeted for signs, but it is likely specific to the Storer property. Mr. Doyle moved to allow Mr. Moser, on behalf of the Commission, to contact the mayor and city council regarding funding. Mr. Dufromont seconded. All present in favor. **Motion passed.**
- Informational: DEP circuit rider has sent guidance on the filing and approval of ecological restoration projects. Brief discussion. Mr. Moser noted that while this information is not of immediate concern, it will be useful to know and understand for future projects. Mr. Doyle believes this will apply to the project at the Fernald as is moves forward.
- Informational: 187 Lexington Street has notified the Commission of ownership change. New owners are aware of ongoing maintenance conditions. No specific action required.

### Old Business

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### Site Visit Reports

- 326 Lexington Street. Skipped by Commission, as the main item was continued.
- Fernald Stream Daylighting Project. Mr. Doyle and Mr. Baker walked the site last week. Mr. Doyle viewed the erosion controls today (1/20). He had some concern about the controls being buried in snow or plowed over. He brought this to their attention and will keep an eye on it. The work is beginning, and Mr. Doyle will plan to visit each Thursday morning at 9AM. Mr. Donovan asked about a proposed completion date. Probably this summer, according to Mr. Doyle. But plantings are expected to take longer and will be “owned” longer because of project conditions. They are following the approved plan. Some technical discussion of site conditions and the pond and wetland rehabilitation process.

### Committee Reports

- **CPC:** Next meeting is February 8, 2022.

### New Business

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Motion to adjourn by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All present in favor. **Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.