



**Waltham Conservation Commission  
January 11, 2018  
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Attendees:** Chairman Bill Doyle, Vice Chairman Philip Moser, Brad Baker, Mike Donovan

**Absent:** Gerard Dufromont

**Public Meeting** (Continued from 12-21-2017)

**Request for Certificate of Compliance** (DEP File # 316-0680)

**Applicant:** City of Waltham Recreation Department

**Property Location:** Cedarwood Playground: 25 Intervale Street

Carolyn Cooney represented the applicant. She has discussed the erosion problem with the city and they prefer the solution of restoring the area back to grass. Since the earliest they can do this is April, they will put up temporary erosion controls. Mr. Baker asked if they are seeding and not sodding the grass. Ms. Cooney replied that they will be seeding. Mr. Doyle stated that they need to contact the commission once its seeded and established, then the commission will sign off on the Certificate of Compliance. They will not need to attend another meeting. Mr. Baker asked if the lawn area will be mowed or will it be left natural. Ms. Cooney replied that it will be left natural.

**Public Hearing**

**Request for Amended Order of Conditions** (DEP File # 316-0718)

**Applicant:** City of Waltham Recreation Department

**Property Location:** Elsie Turner Field: 421 Trapelo Road

Carolyn Cooney represented the applicant. The original Order of Conditions was approved in August 2016. The drawings approved by the commission were submitted by Marshall/Gary Landscape Architects, which were preliminary. There have been some unavoidable changes. The baseball field moves 7 feet toward the street. The adult exercise area has a rubberized surface which has been increased. A sidewalk has been added at the entrance. Another sidewalk that abuts the road has been pulled back from the isolated wetland. The drainage pattern has been changed. Originally, there was a catch basin to be installed at the bottom of the drive at the isolated wetland connecting to the city's storm system. It was disallowed by the city's Engineering Department since they want the Conservation Commission to approve it first. This drainage previously went into the storm system and a little bit went into the roadway. Now the drainage is collected in a trench drain and is piped into a retention area. Mr. Doyle pointed out that in the original plan, there was a swale that captured the water and drained to the isolated wetland. The new plan will most likely make the water go around the wetland, causing it to dry out, thus eliminating the wetland. They need to get the swale depicted on the new plan to lead to the wetland, not go around it. Mr. Doyle recommended putting in four 4 - 6 in. double wall HDPE pipes leading to the wetland and installing a sump pump in the trench drain.

Motion made by Mr. Moser to issue an amended Order of Conditions with the same conditions as last time, plus one added condition: The applicant will provide the Conservation Commission with revised plans per decision of tonight's meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Donovan. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

**Public Meeting** (Continued from 12-21-2017)

**Request for Certificate of Compliance** (DEP File # 316-0689)

**Applicant:** Robert Farrington/Windsor Village at Waltham Co.

**Property Location:** 976 Lexington Street

Motion made by Mr. Moser to continue until the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Baker. **Motion passed.**

Approved 1-25-2018

## **Commission Business**

- Motion made by Mr. Moser to approve the corrected meeting minutes from 12-21-2017, seconded by Mr. Donovan. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

## **Correspondence**

- **Hardy Pond Shoreline:** Mr. Moser noted that this property has an open Request for Certificate of Compliance. The as-built plans show a 70-ft. restricted zone that's supposed to not lose any trees or shrubs that existed in 1967, and a 100-ft restricted zone where they are not supposed to build or maintain any structures or dwellings. There appears to be some encroachment. He would like the Commission to ask the Law Department to review the deed restriction and tell us whether or not the deed is still enforceable. Julie will look up the deed and include with the request to the Law Department. Motion made by Mr. Donovan to have the Law Department look at the deed, seconded by Mr. Moser. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
- **Antico Complex, Clematis Avenue:** An e-mail was received from a resident asking if snow-melting on the site should be happening; and where is the melted snow waste water containing a high level of road salt going? Does it end up in Beaver Brook? The commission will write a letter to the property owner stating we understand this is going on and that the commission respectfully asks you to cease because we believe it may be causing an adverse impact to the adjacent wetlands. DEP will be contacted to see if they have a form letter re: snow melting. Mr. Moser offered his perspective. He stated that the snow and salt came from parking lots and the snow in those parking lots is going to melt anyway and go into a storm drain which leads to the Charles River, Beaver Brook, etc. He noted he saw this being done in Boston a couple of years ago, so it isn't unprecedented. Julie will do some research on it and a letter will be created.
- **Woerd Avenue Bridge:** DEP sent a detailed letter re: the work being done on the bridge. The project does not fall under ConCom's jurisdiction. The letter will be forwarded to the new Ward 8 councilor, Cathynn Harris.

## **Old Business**

### **Mr. Doyle**

- 411 Waverley Oaks Road: Mr. Doyle requested to have this removed from his Old Business.
- 579 Lexington Street: Julie will look up the file and forward to Bill.

### **Mr. Baker**

- Paine Estate planting
- Paine Estate trees
- Tree Signage
- Meadowsclaping: Mr. Baker requested to have this removed from his Old Business.

### **Mr. Moser**

- Bishops Forest: Mr. Moser requested to have this removed from his Old Business.
- King's Way fertilizer use: Mr. Moser requested to have this removed from his Old Business.
- 1106 Trapelo Road: Mr. Moser requested to have this removed from his Old Business.
- Lazazzero Playground

### **Mr. Donovan**

- Totten Pond Road Project: Julie will get the regulation from DEP where it requires an as-built for emergency certifications. This will be sent with a cover letter to engineering. They also need to file a Notice of Intent for the work that was done.

## **Committee Reports**

- CPC: No update
- Trust Fund: No update

## **Site visit reports**

### **New Business**

- **Paine Estate Forestry Management Plan (FMP):** Mr. Baker gave the commission members a handout with key points for the FMP. They will have a more thorough discussion of the topics at the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Baker pointed out that 2018 is “The Year of the Birds”. It’s the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Migratory Bird Act. Through the FMP, they may be able to help the birds have food to eat, and research what types of birds use that forest. He noted that if you have lots of birds, you’ll have less insects and a more biodiverse property. Mr. Doyle noted that the commission’s objective on this is to create a master plan.

Motion made by Mr. Donovan to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.