

Waltham Conservation Commission January 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

Attendees: Chair Philip Moser, Brad Baker, Mike Donovan, Gerard Dufromont, Courtney Semlow, Vice Chair William Doyle (arrived at 7:03 p.m.)

Development Prospectus Sign-off

• 100 First Avenue

Atty. Bill Proia represented the Applicant, Home Depot. They are reconfiguring their outdoor storage and moving the items to the area behind the building, which will decrease their parking lot in the rear by 170 spaces.

Mr. Doyle arrived at the meeting (7:03 p.m.).

There will not be any impact on resource areas.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to have Mr. Moser sign off on the development prospectus, seconded by Mr. Donovan. All in favor. **Motion passed**.

Public Hearing

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 316-0745)

Applicant: Anthony Cardillo, Cardillo Development Corporation

Property Location: 343 River Street

Project Description: Construction of a duplex

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to continue until the January 24th meeting, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed**.

Informal Discussion

• Windsor Village Update (DEP File # 316-0689)

Joe Porter, VTP Associates, stated that the as-built plans have been submitted to the Commission. Mr. Moser has been out to the site and is pleased with the work that has been done. He did express a concern about the bark mulch area starting to create a natural rivulet and would like to see the area not maintained in order to stabilize it. A Request for Certificate of Compliance and a request to rescind the Enforcement Order will be added to next meeting's agenda.

Informal Discussion

Mt. Feake Cemetery

Stew LaCrosse, Systems Director for the City of Waltham's Public Works Dept., stated there was a site visit with Commission members this morning. There are many dead, dying and structurally unstable trees on the property which he would like to have removed. A tree removal/replacement discussion ensued. The Commission will vote on CPW's Request for Determination of Applicability filing at the next Conservation meeting on January 24th.

Commission Business

- Approval of meeting minutes from 12-20-2018: Motion made by Mr. Donovan to approve the meeting minutes from 12-20-2018, seconded by Mr. Doyle. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Potential uses for filing fees in administering the Wetlands Protection Act: No updates.

Old Business

Mr. Moser

• Lazazzero Playground: Mr. Baker suggested using a pounder to hit the Japanese knotweed whenever they sprout up and get a couple of inches tall.

Mr. Doyle

Paine Estate Forestry Plan: The Commission is pulling together a CPC application to request funding.

Mr. Baker

• Paine Estate: Mr. Baker stated that if the weather holds up, the City will be able to get on site and get rid of the wisteria mother vines. The baby hemlock trees will be counted by a seniors' group and a scouting group over the next three weeks. He noted that the meadow needs to be protected from being mowed (i.e., by putting in large stones around the meadow).

Mr. Dufromont

No updates

Mr. Donovan

No updates

Ms. Semlow

No updates

Committee Reports

- CPC: No updates
- Trust Fund: Potential purchases of land, easements, or conservation restrictions using trust funds: No updates

New Business

- MACC Conference: March 2, 2019
- Waltham News Tribune: A request has been made by Reporter Kerry Feltner to meet with the Conservation Commission.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.