

Waltham Conservation Commission June 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

Attendees: Chair Philip Moser, Vice Chair Bill Doyle, Gerard Dufromont, Brad Baker, Courtney Semlow

Absent: Mike Donovan and Brad Baker

Development Prospectus Sign-off

• 180 Third Avenue

Attorney Philip McCourt representing Boston Properties asking for a special permit for a temporary staging area for a building at 180 Third Avenue.

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

Public Hearing (Continued from 5-23-2019) Notice of Intent (DEP File # 316-0751)

Applicant: Andi Abes

Property Location: 70 Hiawatha Avenue

Project Description: Install stormwater management facilities, landscaping and driveway changes.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to continue until the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. Motion passed.

Public Hearing (Continued from 5-23-2019)

Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (DEP File # 316-0752)

Applicant: Mayor Jeannette McCarthy, City of Waltham

Property Location: 554 Lexington Street

Several residents expressed their concerns about the wetland flagging. Attorney Laura Cannon hired an outside consultant and those findings conflicted with the City's consultant. The Commission recommended a sub-committee be organized to select a consultant to conduct a Peer Review to inform the Commission before making a final determination.

Ms. Semlow and Mr. Doyle will work with Mr. Moser as the peer reviewer selection sub-committee.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to continue until the next meeting, seconded by Ms. Semlow. All in favor. Motion passed.

Public Meeting (Continued from 5-23-2019)

Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0705)

Applicant: Storage Development Partners, LLC

Property Location: 96 Linden Street

Applicant requested a continuance until June 27.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to continue until the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. Motion passed.

Public Hearing

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 316-0753) Applicants: Stanley & Leni Bloomenthal

Property Location: 3 & 11 Waverley Oaks Road

Project Description: Riverfront restoration: Removal of invasive material, addition of native plantings.

Landscaping architect, David Jay, represented the property owners to present a plan for riverfront restoration. Mr. Jay proposed a new experimental technique to kill the Japanese Knotweed using wire mesh and no chemicals. Work is to be conducted later in the summer.

Motion to close the public hearing made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to sign the Order of Conditions with the following conditions:

- 1) Applicant shall manage the invasive species for a period of 2-3 years such that the native species become established and more dominant than the invasive species.
- 2) Applicant shall create and maintain an experimental location for a new Knotweed reducing technique using wire mesh. Upon the applicant applying for a Certificate of Compliance, the applicant will provide a summary of experiment findings, including the success. If so directed by the Commission, the applicant will remove the mesh at that time.

Motion seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. Motion passed.

The Enforcement Order will remain in place until the completion of the project.

Commission Business

- Question from a concerned resident: No updates.
- Potential uses for filing fees in administering the Wetlands Protection Act: No updates.
- Press Release ideas: No updates.

Old Business

Mr. Moser

· No updates.

Mr. Doyle

No updates.

Mr. Baker

· No updates.

Mr. Dufromont

No updates.

Mr. Donovan

No updates.

Ms. Semlow

No updates.

Committee Reports

• CPC: No updates.

• Trust Fund: No updates.

Site visit reports

- Linden Street storage: Mr. Doyle met with the representatives and the Commission is waiting for flood zone
 information from them.
- Stigmatines: Mr. Dufromont reported there was a site visit to clarify water issues and the wetlands.

New Business

Boston Property registry of deeds: Previous applicant did not file paperwork with the Registry of Deeds in time
to record the Certificate of Compliance for DEP File # 316-0378. Applicant requested the Commission recertify
the Certificate for filing.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to sign the Certificate of Compliance, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion** passed.

• Request for Use of Stonehurst Property/Storer Conservation Land: New England Orienteering Club submitted a request to use the walking trails at Stonehurst and Storer Conservation for a training event.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. Motion passed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.