



**Waltham Conservation Commission
May 23, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

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

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

Absent: None

Public Hearing (Continued from 5-9-2019)

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 316-0750)

Applicant: Brandeis University

Property Location: 415 South Street

Project Description: Resurfacing of the existing Hassenfeld parking lot, remove bituminous pavement from riverfront area, install sediment forbay and remove trash and invasive plants from resource areas.

Mr. Doyle and Mr. Moser recused themselves due to potential conflicts of interest.

Cindy Theriault presented an update about a project at Brandeis University on behalf of Doyle Engineering. There was a site walk last week and as a result, the plans have been updated to reflect the suggestions.

Motion made by Mr. Donovan to close the Commission's comments, seconded by Ms. Semlow. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Mr. Dufromont opened up comments from the public. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Donovan to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Motion made by Mr. Dufromont to have the updates from the site visit approved and issue a positive Order of Conditions with the Commission's standard Order of Conditions with the following conditions:

- 1) Applicant shall not cut down the teal-ribbon tagged trees located on the riverbank.
- 2) Applicant shall add dissipating energy stones at the end of the existing pipe that outlets into the unnamed stream. Stones shall be 4" nominal diameter, placed in the bottom of the stream bed (not up the sides) for a length of 3 to 5 feet beyond the pipe end. Stones should be placed so that the tops are level with the invert of the outlet pipe so as not to impede water flow out of the pipe.
- 3) Applicant shall check the Japanese Knotweed when it has been cut every three (3) weeks. This monitoring should take place throughout the year. Applicant to maintain an Invasive Species Control Log documenting dates and types of control measures used. This log should be provided to the Commission at the completion of the project, or upon request during construction.

Motion seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Hearing (Continued from 5-9-2019)

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. Mr. Moser returned to the meeting.

Mr. Moser recused himself due to a potential conflict of interest.

Approved 7-18-2019

Mr. Dufromont provided an update stating that there was a site inspection and some trees were trimmed. He is waiting on an update from the Engineering Department about installing stormwater facilities.

Motion made by Mr. Dufromont to continue until the June 13 meeting, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor.

Motion passed.

Mr. Moser and Mr. Doyle returned to the meeting.

Public Hearing

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

Applicant: Mayor Jeannette McCarthy, City of Waltham

Property Location: 554 Lexington Street

There were three representatives from SMMA (the design firm responsible for the new high school project at 554 Lexington Street): Lorraine Finnegan, Project Manager; Erin Prestileo, Civil Engineer; and Mary Rimmer, Wetlands Specialist to discuss the wetlands delineation.

The board opened the hearing up to the public and many abutting neighbors spoke about their flooding concerns.

A site visit is scheduled for Monday, June 3 at 7:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to continue until the June 13 meeting, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor.

Motion passed.

Public Meeting

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

Applicant: Storage Development Partners, LLC

Property Location: 96 Linden Street

Mr. Moser recused himself due to a potential conflict of interest.

James Graham represented Storage Development Partners to request an inspection to obtain a Certification of Compliance.

A site visit is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28 at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Doyle informed the representative that an as-built plan is required in order to sign the Certification of Compliance.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to continue until the June 13 meeting, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor.

Motion passed.

Mr. Moser returned to the meeting.

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

- Mr. Baker presented a report to the Commission on protecting trees. He proposed using teal ribbon to tag trees to be saved on a project site.

Mr. Dufromont

- No updates.

Mr. Donovan

- No updates.

Ms. Semlow

- No updates.

Committee Reports

- **CPC:**
 - Francis Cabot Lowell Mill Chimney Application: \$1,000,000 was approved for to rehab and protect the smoke stack at the Francis Cabot Lowell Mill at the May 14 meeting for City Council to approve.
 - Historic Wellington Farms Application: \$50,000 was approved for site improvements at the May 14 meeting for City Council to approve.
- **Trust Fund:** No updates.

Site visit reports

- No updates.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.