



**Waltham Conservation Commission
May 9, 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 Meeting (Continued from 4-25-2019)

Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0691)

Applicant: Eversource Energy

Property Location: 200 Calvary Street

Mr. Dufromont did a site inspection for setting up an emergency generator to back up their phone system in the event of a power failure in Waltham and other parts of New England. Mr. Dufromont reported that the generator was installed properly, had a pan for any runoffs, and is set with an alarm when runoff happens to alert the on-call staff to immediately investigate.

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

Public Meeting

Request for an Insignificant Change (DEP File # 316-0742)

Applicant: Robert & Geraldine Perry

Property Location: 61 Clark Lane

Project Description: Request to extend addition toward the back of property by one foot.

Homeowner Robert Perry and David Nauss, Project Manager, presented modified plans to extend the addition to the house by one foot. The approved plans are for 28 square feet to add a garage and additional living space. DEP and Engineering have approved the plans.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to approve the request for an Insignificant Change, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Hearing

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 a project for resurfacing a parking lot at Brandeis University on behalf of Doyle Engineering. The proposed plans will add a curb and swale along the river and boulders around the edge. The invasives will also be removed.

A site visit is scheduled for May 14, 2019 at 7:30 am.

Mr. Donovan closed the Commission's comments and opened up comments from the public. There were none.

Approved 7-18-2019

Motion made by Mr. Donovan to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
Motion made by Mr. Dufromont to continue until the May 23 meeting, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor.
Motion passed.

Mr. Doyle returned to the meeting.

Public Meeting

Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0671)

Applicant: Andi Abes

Property Location: 70 Hiawatha Avenue

The property owner is requesting a Certificate of Compliance. The initial Order of Conditions did not factor in stormwater management. The plans called for two separate driveways with 2 feet between them, however, one larger driveway was built instead.

Motion made by Mr. Baker to issue a partial Certificate of Compliance stating site work has been completed except for minor change outlined in DEP File # 316-0751. Motion seconded by Mr. Donovan. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Hearing

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.

Bennie Ber, the architect for the project, presented the proposed plans to incorporate stormwater management facilities for this location. The Commission would like a site visit prior to construction with the tree consultant present.

A site visit is scheduled for May 21, 2019 at 7:30 am.

Motion made by Mr. Donovan to continue until the May 23 meeting, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor.

Motion passed.

Mr. Moser returned to the meeting.

Commission Business

- Question from a concerned resident – Mr. Baker is preparing a two-page report on how to protect trees. Receive positive feedback from proposal to plant Noah's Ark tree nurseries (two trees of approx. 120 tree species) on city properties, most likely the Paine Estate, Arena Farm, and the new high school site.
- Potential uses for filing fees in administering the Wetlands Protection Act – Mr. Moser met with the mayor to present three potential projects.
- Press release ideas – Mr. Baker made a visit to see the Wisteria mother vines at the Paine Estate. He would like to send out a press release about lopping the Wisteria there and is looking for 30 volunteers to help. Mayor McCarthy suggested hiring a professional to use remaining funds in the budget due to a staff vacancy for several months.

Correspondence

Old Business

Mr. Moser

- The Ridge Apartments: The property owner of the Ridge would like to cut down some trees on Lexington Street on the riverfront along the banks of the Chesterbrook River. Mr. Moser is willing to meet them at the site, but a time has not been set up yet.
- A concerned resident contacted the Commission to inform the board that a neighbor's car is leaking oil and running into the storm drain that funnels into the Charles River. Mr. Moser is not sure this falls under the Commission's jurisdiction and therefore does not know how to respond.

- Update on budget meeting: Mr. Moser met with Mayor McCarthy, who explained the budget process. The Mayor is also supportive of hiring a Conservation agent.
- 0 Pond End Road – Applicant offered to draft the Order of Conditions, but Mr. Moser had some concerns because they proposed changes to the standard Order of Conditions, specifically about refueling equipment in the wetland buffer zone. The Commission decided not to amend the standard Order of Conditions.

Mr. Doyle

- Paine Estate Forestry Plan: No update.

Mr. Baker

- Paine Estate planting: No update.
- Paine Estate trees: No update.
- Hillcroft Playground – The applicant is required to control the Japanese Knotweed at this location as required by the Order of Conditions. Mr. Baker proposed a new process for applicants to track the maintenance of controlling invasives as a way of making sure the applicant complies with this requirement. This location will serve as a test site for this new process.

Mr. Dufromont

- No updates.

Mr. Donovan

- Totten Pond Road project – New digging has begun without necessary precautions or request for an emergency certification. Mr. Moser will reach out to CPW for more information.

Ms. Semlow

- No updates.

Committee Reports

- **CPC:** The CPC Public Input Hearing is scheduled for May 14, 2019
- **Trust Fund:** No updates.

Site visit reports

- No updates.

New Business

- No updates.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.