



**Waltham Conservation Commission
June 27, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

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

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

Public Hearing (Continued from 6-13-2019)

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 recused himself due to a potential conflict of interest.

A site visit was conducted where Mr. Dufromont and Mr. Baker were present. There were some requested changes that were brought up in the site visit. The plan has been updated to incorporate these changes.

Mr. Doyle opened up questions from the public. There were none.

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

Motion made by Mr. Baker to issue a positive order of conditions with one special order of conditions to make sure we get the stamped hard copy final plan. Motion seconded by Mr. Donovan. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Meeting (Continued from 6-13-2019)

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

Applicant: Storage Development Partners, LLC

Property Location: 96 Linden Street

Motion made by Mr. Donovan to table this topic until after the last public hearing, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Mr. Moser returned to the meeting.

Public Hearing (Continued from 6-13-2019)

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

Applicant: Mayor Jeannette McCarthy, City of Waltham

Property Location: 554 Lexington Street

The Commission has received several comments from the public. David Burke, a Wetlands Scientist from Berlin, MA has been selected as the peer reviewer and will perform a site visit in the next week. We will have the report from the site visit in advance of the next meeting. The applicant has a scheduling conflict for the July 18 meeting and has asked for a special meeting on July 11.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to schedule a special meeting on 7-11-2019, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

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

Approved 7-18-2019

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

Public Meeting (Continued from 6-13-2019 and above)
Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0705)
Applicant: Storage Development Partners, LLC
Property Location: 96 Linden Street

Motion made by Mr. Dufromont to untangle the 96 Linden Street Public Meeting, seconded by Ms. Semlow.

James Graham of Salzeider, Inc. and Suz King BL Companies represented the applicant. They have sent in their invasive species report, however, the Commission is still awaiting Compensatory Flood Storage Calculations and cannot grant a Certificate of Compliance until those have been received. Mr. Donovan requested a comparison of the previous calculations compared to the new calculations to ensure they are not radically different. The applicant will submit these calculations in advance of the next meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Donovan to continue until the next meeting on 7-11-2019, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor.
Motion passed.

Public Meeting
Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0653)
Applicant: Boston Properties
Property Location: 470, 484, and 504 Totten Pond Road

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

Nick Skoly of VHB, Inc. represented Boston Properties to request a Certificate of Compliance. Mr. Dufromont and Ms. Semlow would like to conduct a site visit before signing the certificate.

Motion made by Mr. Donovan to sign the Certificate of Compliance at the next meeting on 7-11-2019, subject to a site visit, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Mr. Moser returned to the meeting.

Commission Business

- **Approval of meeting minutes from 6-13-2019:** Motion made by Ms. Semlow to approve the meeting minutes from 6-13-2019, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
- **Question from a concerned resident:** No updates.
- **Potential uses for filing fees in administering the Wetlands Protection Act:** Mr. Moser described three (3) projects ranging from \$5,000-\$10,000 each. All three projects will require hiring a consultant to complete the work.
 1. Mt. Feake: Mr. Moser and Mr. Baker met with the Cemetery Commission on 6-25-2019 to discuss an ecosystem health study of the 1.6 miles of riverbank at Mt. Feake. The Cemetery Commission supports this study. Mr. Moser and Mr. Baker are currently compiling a list of possible consultants.
 2. Hardy Pond: Mr. Moser and Ms. Semlow will meet about this project.
 3. Identify wetlands on city-owned property on GIS maps: Mr. Moser is looking for volunteers to work on this project.
- **Press release ideas:** Mr. Baker recommended two press release ideas:
 1. Wisteria vines: Mr. Baker has before and after pictures from Wisteria vines getting cut off.
 2. Teal-tagging of trees: Mr. Baker reported that 15 trees were tagged on the parking lot side at Brandeis. Mr. Dufromont suggested the press release solicit volunteers. Mr. Baker would like the press releases to inform the public of this new tool and how to use this tool.

A discussion ensued on where to post the future press releases.

Approved 7-18-2019

Correspondence

- **Oakley Lane:** The Commission was copied on a resolution from the City Council addressed to Consolidated Public Works (CPW). Mr. Moser responded to CPW indicating that Oakley Lane is in a FEMA flood zone and its residents should take appropriate precautions.

Old Business

Mr. Moser

- No updates.

Mr. Doyle

- No updates.

Mr. Baker

- **Wisteria at the Paine Estate:** Mr. Moser provided an update. The Commission has hired an independent contractor to start work and remove 90% of the wisteria at the Paine Estate.

Mr. Dufromont

- No updates.

Mr. Donovan

- No updates.

Ms. Semlow

- No updates.

Committee Reports

- **CPC:** The next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2019
- **Trust Fund:** Potential purchases of land, easements, or conservation restrictions using trust funds

Site visit reports

- Mr. Doyle had an unofficial site visit at 0 Pond End Road with Mr. Finger and the DEP. The DEP has overturned the Order of Conditions. Mr. Finger will supply the DEP with a plan that meets the standards of riverfront. The Commission does not have anything to report or need to act on since the DEP supersedes the Commission's decision.

New Business

- **Commission email practices:** Mr. Moser requested that all Commission business go to city email addresses and only urgent requests will be forwarded to the Board member's personal email addresses.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.