



**Waltham Conservation Commission
March 14, 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

A request was made to Mr. Moser to take one of the agenda items out of order. Mr. Donovan made a motion to take the 338 & 190 Trapelo Road agenda item out of order, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Hearing

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 316-0748)

Applicant: City of Waltham

Property Location: 338 & 190 Trapelo Road

Project Description: Re-establishment of a wetland pond system and stream

Stephen Casazza, Engineer for the City of Waltham, represented the Applicant with a request to restore wetlands at the Fernald Center. The intent of the project is to stop rerouting water and put it back in its natural state with a stream and a retention pond, waterfall and rock structure, eventually emptying into an existing drainage system. By recreating wetlands and creating some flood storage, it will improve and benefit Linden Street which tends to flood. The City Council is responsible for this project.

Mayor McCarthy commented that there is an open Order of Conditions for the demolition of the buildings on this property that she hopes can be closed out. The Mayor also elaborated on the project stating that resident's downstream experience flooding in their basements and therefore this project also serves as flood mitigation.

Mr. Moser opened up comments from the public. Several abutters expressed their concerns.

A site visit is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 7:30 am beginning at the Shriver parking lot. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to continue until the next meeting on 3-28-2019, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Hearing (Continued from 2-28-2019)

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 316-0745)

Applicant: Anthony Cardillo, Cardillo Development Corporation

Property Location: 343 River Street

Project Description: Construction of a duplex

Mary Trudeau represented the Applicant. This project had been presented at the last meeting to request a single-family home be removed and a new duplex be built. The Commission had asked for a field delineation of the bank of the Charles River. The result was that it did change the riverfront delineation on this property. There will be no work performed in the 0-100 foot zone, but in the 100-200 foot zone, they are proposing a 42% increase in impervious surface, causing the project not to meet the riverfront area standards for redevelopment.

The Commission had also asked for more landscaping. Ms. Trudeau presented the landscaping plan that diversifies the vegetation in this watershed. They are proposing smaller trees rather than larger trees because of space concerns. Mr. Baker asked for at least one 30 foot tree for shading purposes.

There were no comments from the public.

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

Motion made to issue a positive Order of Conditions with a condition that the Applicant study the use of a trench drain at the end of the driveway, as well as a small shade tree added to the plans made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Donovan. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Hearing (Continued from 2-28-2019)

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 316-0746)

Applicant: Michael & Sang B. Watts

Property Location: 0 Pond End Road

Project Description: Proposed 2,300+/- sf residence with associated driveway, utilities, and drainage improvements.

The Applicant was not present and has requested a continuation to the next meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to continue to the next meeting on March 28, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Meeting (Continued from 2-28-2019)

Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0709)

Applicant: 200 Smith NWALP Property Owner c/o ALP 200 Smith Manager LLC

Property Location: 200 Smith Street

The Applicant was not present and has requested a continuation to the next meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to continue to the next meeting on March 28, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Meeting

Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: Cassie and Marco Moreira

Property Location: 78 Mallard Way

Project Description: Deck replacement

Homeowner Cassie Moreira approached the Commission to request they remove their existing deck, which was built illegally and install a new slightly larger properly built deck.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to issue a negative Determination of Applicability with the condition that the impervious area that exists there today with the current roof not be exceeded as part of this project, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Hearing

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 316-0747)

Applicant: Paul Willoughby

Property Location: 36 Oakley Lane

Project Description: Construction of an addition on pilings to the rear of the house.

Mr. Robert Bibbo of Bibbo Brothers & Associates represented the Applicant. The entire lot is on a flood plain. They are proposing a rear addition on pillars at the height of the first floor.

A site visit is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 7:00 am.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to continue to the next meeting on March 28, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to revisit the 78 Mallard Way agenda item, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Mr. Doyle would like to amend his original motion to issue a negative determination which the condition that we maintain the proposed impervious area to what it is in the current condition to allow for an extra under 150 ft. of impervious area in addition to the existing impervious area, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Mr. Moser resumed the agenda.

Commission Business

- **Question from a concerned resident:** No updates.
- **Potential uses for filing fees in administering the Wetlands Protection Act:** Mr. Moser wanted to add looking at intermittent vs. perennial streams in Waltham so that we already know that when it comes up.
- **Press release ideas:**
 - **Invasives Control Training:** Mr. Baker recently attended a training program and would like to implement what he learned. Mr. Baker would like to host a training program for the Commission members to remove invasives along the banks of the Charles River at Mt. Feake cemetery. This training will teach each member how to control invasives by cutting the down with loppers and returning 4 and 8 weeks later to cut them again. However, since the Commission needs permission to do this at Mt. Feake from the CPW department, they decided to move the training to the Paine Estate on March 23 at 10:00 am. This will serve as test location and will present statements to the newspaper to publicize and train the public on how to control invasives. Once they have received the proper permissions from Mt. Feake, they will begin the controlling process there.

Motion made by Mr. Baker to hold a Commission members training on March 23 at the Paine Estate, seconded by Mr. Doyle. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Correspondence

- No updates.

Old Business

Mr. Moser

- No updates.

Mr. Doyle

- **Paine Estate Forestry Plan:** Mr. Doyle has been working with Ann Clifford, the curator of the Paine Estate, for the application for CPC for funding. Must include letters of support from groups and neighbors. In order to do that, the Commission needs to create a letter asking for letters of support to be sent out from the Land Trust.

Mr. Baker

- No updates.

Mr. Dufromont

- No updates.

Mr. Donovan

- **Totten Pond Road project:** Steve Casazza gave Mr. Donovan the second emergency notification to fix a pipe. Mr. Casazza ensured Mr. Donovan that they have the information for the as-built and they are working on the as-built. The notification needs to be filed in the Conservation office.

Ms. Semlow

- No updates.

Committee Reports

- **CPC:**
 - At the last meeting, the historic commission was approved for \$50,000 to hire a consultant for a study to determine what improvements could be made to the main building at the Paine Estate.

- A model was presented for rental subsidies, however, it was not officially presented because the application was not submitted by the deadline. It will be presented at the next meeting.

- **Trust Fund:** No updates.

Site visit reports

- **0 Pond End Road:** The Applicant decided to continue the hearing to the next meeting after the site visit.

New Business

- No updates.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.