



**Waltham Conservation Commission
September 26, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

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

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

Absent: Chair Philip Moser

Public Hearing (Continued from 9-12-2019)

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 316-0756)

Applicant: City of Waltham Engineering Department

Property Location: 617-655 Lexington Street

Project Description: Installation of a flow control structure under Jack's Way.

The Applicant has requested a continuance until the next meeting.

Motion to continue to next meeting on October 10 meeting made by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor.

Motion passed.

Public Meeting

Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0741)

Applicant: Stanley & Leni Bloomenthal

Property Location: 3 & 11 Waverly Oaks Road

David Jay represented the Applicant. He explained that the contractors did a good job removing the invasive materials, primarily bittersweet and knotweed, and implemented the test rat-wire mesh to the site to experiment with a new technique for killing invasives. The knotweed is growing back and it seems that the knotweed is being choked and appears that it will eventually stop growing. This is experimental and could take a year or two to kill. Also, the re-plantings have been established.

Mr. Dufromont would like one or two members of the Commission to go and see that experiment over time.

The Commission would like to see Mr. Jay return in one year with a one-page report update including pictures. This was a special condition in the Order of Conditions.

Motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance with the condition that Mr. Jay needs to update the Commission on how the experiment is working made by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Commission Business

- **Approval of meeting minutes from 9-12-2019:** The Commission will review minutes and approve at next meeting.
- **Question from a concerned resident:** Mr. Baker will present at the next meeting on October 10.
- **Potential uses for filing fees in administering the Wetlands Protection Act:** No updates.
- **Press release ideas:** No updates.
- **Open enforcement orders:** No updates.

Correspondence

- **404 Wyman Street:** The Mass DEP has comments on file# 316-0761. DEP is working with the Applicant to have those changes implemented into the Order of Conditions.

Old Business

Mr. Moser

- No updates.

Mr. Doyle

- **Paine Estate Forestry Plan:** Mr. Doyle would like to apply for CPC money. Mr. Doyle will work with Mr. Moser and Michelle to complete the application in the next month or so.

Mr. Baker

- **Paine Estate trees:** Ann Clifford will be the point person for the Wisteria Control at the Paine Estate.

Mr. Dufromont

- **Trail and Stonehurst interpretive brochure:** Land Trust is taking over, so Mr. Dufromont will be stepping back to let the Land Trust handle it.
- **Cooper Street:** Mr. Dufromont has been

Mr. Donovan

- **Totten Pond Road project:** No update.
- **380 Lexington Street:** A large number of fence panels have been removed. The trees have been removed. There appears to be some digging in the backyard. It looks like they are about to start with the demolition.
- **Paine Estate meeting:** Mr. Donovan attended "Ode to Olmsted: Frederick Law Olmsted and the Massachusetts Legacy" and said it was amazing.

Ms. Semlow

Committee Reports

- **CPC:** The CPC is looking to purchase the UMass land on Beaver Street to continue the Community Farms.
- **Trust Fund:** Potential purchases of land, easements, or conservation restrictions using trust funds

Site visit reports

- No updates.

New Business

- **Mt. Feake Cemetery:** Mr. Baker will send a letter to the Cemetery Commission requesting permission to host a Conservation Commission training for Wisteria Control along the riverbank at Mt. Feake Cemetery. The training will be for board members only.
- **Erosion Control Conference:** Mr. Baker is attending a conference on Erosion Controls on Tuesday, October 2 and hopes to implement what he learns at Mt. Feake Cemetery. Mr. Baker will provide updates at the next meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Donovan to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.