



**Waltham Conservation Commission
February 6, 2020
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Attendees: Chair Philip Moser, Vice Chair Bill Doyle, Gerard Dufromont, Bradley Baker, Michael Donovan, and Courtney Semlow

Public Meeting (Continued from 1-23-2019)

Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0735)

Applicant: Robert E. & Dovile D. Murray

Property Location: 75 Knollwood Drive

Mr. Robert Bibbo from Bibbo Brothers represented the applicant. Mr. Bibbo and Mr. Rogers, the contractor, explained the work performed at the project location. Mulch was laid over the sod and larger rocks were placed on the property border. Hemlocks were planted along the back of the house, along with Dogwoods and Azalea plants.

Mr. Baker asked to be sure to water the Hemlocks and spray the underside of the leaves with Horticultural oil spray once a year to keep the bugs away.

Mr. Moser had requested native trees and not ornamental plantings to restore the natural forestry.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to issue a partial Certificate of Compliance. None in favor. **Motion did not pass.**

Motion made by Mr. Dufromont to issue a Certificate of Compliance with the condition that ten (10) native saplings be planted on the project location as soon as possible, seconded by Mr. Doyle. Four Commission members in favor. Chair not in favor. **Motion passes.**

Public Meeting (Continued from 1-23-2019)

Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0641)

Applicant: SPC Main Street LLC.

Property Location: 1265 Main Street

Mr. Nick Skolly of VHB, Inc. represented the applicant to request a full Certificate of Compliance for this location. The property owner had the location cleaned and hired a new contractor to conduct weekly maintenance at this site. Mr. Dufromont visited the plaza and was pleased with the results.

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

Public Meeting

Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0736)

Applicant: City of Waltham – Recreation Department

Property Location: Hillcroft Playground

Cheri Ruane of Weston & Sampson represented the applicant to explain the completion of the project. Mr. Baker visited the site about one month ago and liked what he saw. He wanted assurance that the Public Works Department will continue to maintain the removal of the Japanese knotweed.

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

Public Meeting

Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0755)

Applicant: NWALP 200 Smith Property Owner, LLC

Property Location: 200 Smith Street

Mr. Paul Finger represented the applicant to request a Certificate of Compliance for this location. The initial project was for the development of the main building. This Order of Conditions was for the installation of a trench to run underground utilities for a tenant. Mr. Finger explained the simple project has been completed and tenant will shortly be moving in.

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

Public Meeting

Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0729)

Applicant: Sunny Patel

Property Location: 148 Lakeview Avenue

Keton Patel represented the applicant to request a Certificate of Compliance for this property. Mr. Moser is familiar with the location and believes it was built as planned.

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

Commission Business

- **Approval of meeting minutes from 1-23-2020:** Motion made by Ms. Semlow to approve the meeting minutes from 1-23-2020, seconded by Mr. Doyle. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
- **Filing fees suggestions:** No updates.
- **Press release ideas:** No updates.
- **Open enforcement orders:**
 - **74 Hardy Pond Road:** The Commission has not received a letter from the landscaper that the homeowner was supposed to request. The Commission will follow up with the homeowner to request that letter.
 - **205 Willow Street:** The Commission did not receive a letter from the attorney. The Commission may need to contact the Law Department for further action.

Mr. Donovan arrived at the meeting at 7:52 pm.

- **152-OPP, 162-OPP Lakeview Ave:** No updates.
- **250-252 Prospect** (pending input from DCR): Mr. Doyle reached out to Dan Driscoll from DCR and still has not heard back from him.
- **Bishops Forest:** No updates.
- **37 Shore Road:** The homeowner received a potential violation letter and responded admitting that they had cut down the trees, however did not say they did anything wrong. Motion to issue an enforcement order by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
- **98, 115, and 123 Lakeview Terrace:** The Commission sent letters to all three houses across from where the trees have been cut on the shore of Hardy Pond. We did hear back from 2 residents, but not the house directly across the street from where the cutting took place.

Correspondence

- **Eversource:** Right-of-Way (ROW) Maintenance Activities
- **Wayside Trail update**

Old Business

Mr. Moser

- **Paine Estate Encroachment:** Mr. Moser will draft letters to send to the homeowners who have been encroaching on City-owned property.
- **Inspection of GPS Unit:** Hardy Pond Road: No update.

Mr. Doyle

- **Paine Estate Forestry Plan:** There is a meeting scheduled with Joe Pedulla on Tuesday, February 11 for guidance on selecting a consultant for this project.
- **250-252 Prospect Street (Response from DCR?):** No updates.

Mr. Baker

- **Mt. Feake Cemetery:** Mr. Baker received a proposal from a contractor located in Amherst, MA listing the cost to eliminate invasives without using pesticides and with using pesticides. Mr. Baker will continue to work with the three potential contractors to receive proposals from all three.
- **Hardy Pond trees cut down:** No further updates.

Mr. Dufromont

- No updates.

Mr. Donovan

- No updates.

Ms. Semlow

- **Hardy Pond Watershed Stormwater Improvements:** A purchase order was submitted for this work, however, the Mayor asked Mr. Moser to meet with the City Engineer for his comments/feedback on the purchase order. Mr. Moser incorporated the Engineer's feedback and the purchase order was revised by the contractor and will be re-submitted to purchasing next week.

Committee Reports

- **CPC:** The next meeting will take place on 2-11-2020.
- **Trust Fund:** No updates.

Site visit reports

- No updates.

New Business

- **Sewer Rehabilitation at the Fernald:** Regrading Ruts: Mr. Baker stressed how ruts is the worst thing for water infiltration, so wonders why we approved such plans. For future plans, we should do whatever we can to prevent ruts. Mr. Baker will look into language to add to the Special Order of Conditions to prevent ruts at job sites.
- **Training for City Boards and Commissions:** The Mayor is requiring all City Boards and Commission to attend a mandatory training with First Assistant City Solicitor Patricia Azadi. We will schedule this training to take place at the beginning of an upcoming meeting. All Commission members must be present for the training.
- **Conflict of Interest Certificates:** All City employees and Commission members are required to take the Conflict of Interest online tutorial and then print out a Certificate of Completion.
- **Book Signing and Conference Materials:** Mr. Baker recently attended a book signing and an erosion controls conference. He brought in the book and handouts to share with the Commission. Both are available to borrow or view in the Conservation Office.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.