



**Waltham Conservation Commission  
May 28, 2020  
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

**Absent:** Courtney Semlow

**Development Prospectus**

- **1254-1256 Main Street:** Attorney Joe Connors represented the applicant to request the Conservation Commission sign the development prospectus. This location is not in jurisdiction.

Motion made to allow the Chair to sign the prospectus by Mr. Dufromont, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

- **305 Second Avenue:** Attorney Joe Connors represented the applicant to request the Conservation Commission sign the development prospectus. This location is not in jurisdiction.

Motion made to allow the Chair to sign the prospectus by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Donovan. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

**Public Meeting** (continued from 5-14-2020)

**Notice of Intent** (DEP File # 316-0764)

**Applicant:** Windsor Communities

**Property Location:** 976 Lexington Street

**Project Description:** Replace a section of sewer line, replace concrete walkways in two areas, and remove dead and damaged trees.

Joe Porter of VTP Associates and John Rockwood for EcoTec, Inc. represented the applicant. The plans have been revised to add drainage, a stone trench, and six inches of stone underneath the walkway as discussed at the last meeting. Mr. Baker visited the site with both representatives.

Mr. Dufromont and Mr. Donovan visited the site yesterday and observed some erosion along the stairs and the hills going down to the pond near building 29.

Mr. Moser indicated that this hearing will be continued because the Commission does not have the updated plans and Mr. Dufromont and Mr. Donovan have pointed out some issues that need to be addressed by the applicant. Mr. Donovan and Mr. Dufromont will meet Mr. Porter and Mr. Rockwood at the site Friday at noon to discuss.

Mr. Moser wanted to follow up on several items raised at the last meeting:

1. **Erosion controls:** What are the recommendations for erosion controls? The applicant's understanding is 12" compost sock and an orange construction fence. The Commission agrees with this erosion control.
2. **Revised plan:** The Commission would like to see the revised plans with the infiltration of the water. Mr. Baker is satisfied with the proposed infiltration plan.
3. **Parcel of land at the top of Windsor Village:** Councilor Darcy had raised the question about vehicles parked at the top of Windsor Village on property that belongs to the City. Mr. Porter contacted the property manager and confirmed they have a license from the City to use that land.

Motion to continue to the next meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup> made by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

### **Public Meeting**

#### **Request for Extension of Order of Conditions (DEP File #316-0578)**

**Applicant:** AstraZeneca Pond – Waltham, MA

**Property Location:** 35 Gatehouse Drive

**Project Description:** Control nuisance plant and algae growth to preserve the function of the pond as a storm water detention pond.

Mr. LaCasse from Solitude Lake Resources represented the applicant to request another extension to their Orders of Conditions.

Since this Order has been extended several times, next time, the applicant should file a new Notice of Intent.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle grant a 3-year extension with annual reports, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

### **Commission Business**

- **Approval of meeting minutes from 05-14-2020:** Motion made by Mr. Donovan to approve the minutes from the 05-14-2020 meeting, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
- **Update on filing fee projects:** Mr. Baker updated the Commission on the status of a proposal received from SWCA Environmental Associates for work to be performed at Mt. Feake Cemetery. The Board voted to go ahead with an RFQ. Mr. Moser will work with Michelle to submit the paperwork.
- **Storer Conservation Land Encroachment:** No updates.
- **Storer Conservation Land Management Plan:** No updates.

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

## Correspondence

- **Letter from Phil McCourt:** Mr. McCourt sent an FYI letter about a proposed subdivision at 46 Lincoln Street. It is outside of jurisdiction therefore no response is required from the Commission.
- **Waltham High School Draft Environmental Impact Report Submission:** The Commission does not have any comments at this time.
- **Period Review Opinion – 225-227 Beaver Street:** The Commission received a general letter announcing the review. Michelle will look into requesting a copy of the review for the files.

## Old Business

- **Open Enforcement Orders:**
  - **Lakeview Avenue (152-OPP & 162-OPP Lakeview Avenue):** The homeowner's daughter contacted the Commission indicating that new trees had been planted to replace the ones taken down. The daughter asked if it would be alright to remove some invasives in order to protect the new trees. Mr. Moser will put her in touch with a few volunteers from the Waltham Land Trust for guidance. The Commission will look to rescind the enforcement order in late summer if the trees have survived.
- **Wisteria Control at the Paine Estate:** The contractor was not able to conduct the recent treatment because a female fox gave birth to a litter of pups in the woods. Once they are sure they have moved on, the company will be able to continue the treatment.

## Committee Reports

- **CPC:** No update.
- **Trust Fund:** No updates.

## Site Visits

- **Trees down near the river at Mt. Feake Cemetery:** Two trees fell during a recent wind storm. They stayed down for a couple of weeks and then were removed. Mr. Baker hoped the downed trees would not be removed for the benefit of wildlife. The Commission does not have the authority to ask the trees remain because a "dead" tree is out of our jurisdiction.

Several years ago, the City filed an RDA to remove several dead and living maple trees. The determination was to remove those trees (including stumps) and replace the trees that were removed with new trees. Ten (10) new trees were planted in the fall, but there are still some trees to be planted. Michelle will follow up with the Tree Warden to see how many more trees are to be planted.

- **480 Totten Pond Road:** There is a report of the stormwater retention basin has been dyed blue again. Michelle will reach out to the property manager to ask them to stop adding dye in the retention pond.

## New Business

- **105 Galen Street:** John Rockwood from EcoTec sent recent photos of the 105 Galen Street property after tree removal and planting of 80 shrubs of 10 different species. The invasive treatment did work very well. There will be another round of invasive treatment this fall. Mr.

Baker visited the site and was pleased with the work performed there.

- **New Commission Member:** Courtney Semlow will be stepping down from the Commission and the Board will be down two members. There is a resident who has submitted an application and the Commission is hoping she will be appointed to join the Commission.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.