

Waltham Conservation Commission June 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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

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

Public Meeting (continued from 5-28-2020) 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. Various members of the Commission made separate site visits and as a result of those visits, Mr. Porter made changes to the site plan on page 2 to include the new area against the bank. A curb and trench drain has been added to the walkway to address the concerns of the Board members.

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

Motion to issue a positive order of conditions with one special condition to install filter fabric on the left side of the typical sidewalk detail as discussed made by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Informal Discussion

 314 Totten Pond Road (Prospect Hill Park): A Notice of Intent has been filed for a Public Hearing and will be heard at the next Conservation Meeting. Tonight's presentation will be very detailed by the design team, however, the Commission will not vote on anything until members of the public are able to ask questions or express concerns.

The applicant, Nick Abruzzi from the City of Waltham Recreation Department, and project representatives Peter Hedlund of Hedlund Design Group, Amy Ball and Brian Kuchar of Horsley Witten Group joined the meeting to discuss the project. Mr Hedlund gave a short PowerPoint presentation to introduce the proposed park project.

After the presentation, the Commission members about underground drainage and hydric soils. The questions will be looked into and addressed in the Public Hearing on June 25.

Commission Business

- Approval of meeting minutes from 05-28-2020: Motion made by Mr. Donovan to approve the minutes from the 05-28-2020 meeting, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Update on filing fee projects: No updates.
- Storer Conservation Land Encroachment: No updates.
- Storer Conservation Land Management Plan: No updates.

Motion made by Mr. Donovan to take items out of order to discuss Correspondence at the end of the meeting, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Old Business

- Open Enforcement Orders: No updates.
- **52 Clark Lane:** A tree bag was installed around the tree to water a tree the Commission would like to save.

Committee Reports

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

Site Visits

• No updates.

New Business

- 36 Oakley Lane: The Commission would like to hold off on this item until the next meeting.
- **1430 Trapelo Road:** Algonquin Gas will be starting the project in the next two weeks.
- **Brandeis University:** The University will be planting some smaller plants. Brad will connect with the contact to oversee this project.

Correspondence

• **205 Willow Street:** The Commission would like to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation for this property.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation for 205 Willow Street, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.