



**Waltham Conservation Commission
December 3, 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 Matthew Deveaux

Public Hearing (continued from 11-19-2020)

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 316-0770)

Applicant: City of Waltham

Property Location: 554 Lexington Street

Project Description: New High School project

Mr. Donovan recused himself due to a conflict of interest. Mr. Donovan is a member of the high school building committee.

Ms. Finnegan and Ms. Prestileo from SMMA went over responses, suggestions for special conditions, and comments from the peer reviewer.

Each Commission member had the opportunity to ask questions, provide comments, and express concerns.

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

Motion made to issue a positive Order of Conditions with several site-specific Special Conditions made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Baker. Commission members Doyle, Dufromont, Baker, Deveaux voted in favor, and Commission member Moser voted against. **Motion passed.**

Public Hearing

Notice of Intent (DEP File # not yet assigned)

Applicant: Catherine Solomon

Property Location: 147 Riverview Avenue

Project Description: Addition of additional roof area, a new deck, and retaining wall.

Gigi Munden represented the applicant. The homeowner would like to add an additional roof to the back of the existing house, a new deck, and a retaining wall. Ms. Munden described the project. The Commission members asked questions about the project.

The Commission would like to have a site visit to get a better understanding. A site visit is scheduled for Monday, December 7 at 9:00 am.

Motion made to continue to the next meeting on December 17 by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Baker

Commission Business

- **Approval of meeting minutes from 11-19-2020:** Motion made by Mr. Baker to approve the minutes from the 11-19-2020 meeting, seconded by Mr. Donovan. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
- **Revise Standard Special Conditions:** Mr. Moser suggested that the Commission revise the Standard Special Conditions to include recent comments from the Peer Reviewer for the new high school project, the Charles River Watershed and the City of Cambridge Water Department. Mr. Moser asked the Commission to review his suggestions for discussion at the next meeting.
- **Update on filing fee projects:**
 - **Hardy Pond Watershed Stormwater Improvements:** Mr. Moser received a draft report from the consultant working on this project. Mr. Moser sent some comments to the consultant, who is revising the report. Mr. Moser will circulate to the Commission once it is finalized. The consultant is preparing a 15-20 minute presentation summarizing their recommendations. They will present this in an upcoming meeting.
 - **Mt. Feake trees:** Mr. Baker will reach out to Mr. Chiasson about this study. The Cemetery Commission needs to be involved per the Mayor.

Also, Mr. Baker will be holding an invasive control training and extended the invitation to other board members to join him.

- **Storer Conservation Land Encroachment:** No updates.
- **Storer Conservation Land Management Plan:** No updates.

Correspondence

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Old Business

- **Open Enforcement Orders:**
 - **98 Lakeview Terrace:** No updates.
- **Potential Violation Letters:**
 - **78 Hardy Pond Road:** No updates.

Committee Reports

- **CPC:** No updates.

- **Trust Fund:** No updates.

Site visit reports

- **Mokema Woods:** Mr. Baker met with the contractor when they were marking up trees. Trees to be cut down have an orange X and trees to be saved have a teal-colored ribbon around them. Logs and stones will remain on-site for horticulture.
- **77 Graymore Road:** Mr. Baker made a site visit at 77 Graymore Road. The property owner had come in front of the Commission with a Request for Determination to remove two dangerous trees in their backyard. Mr. Baker was impressed by the beautiful trees in their yard. It is a special property. Mr. Baker would like to send the property owner an acknowledgement note.

New Business

- No updates.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.