



**Waltham Conservation Commission
January 7, 2021
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

Motion to take an item out of order made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor.
Motion passed.

Special Presentation:

- **Hardy Pond Watershed Stormwater Improvements:** Mr. Moser explained this project was funded using filing fees to study the shoreline of Hardy Pond to see if there are improvements to stormwater and the interest of the Wetlands Protection Act. Mr. David Roman from Comprehensive Environmental, Inc. conducted the study and presented his findings to the Commission.

Commission members and members of the public had the opportunity to ask questions, express concerns, and make comments.

Next steps are to present these findings to the Engineering and Parks and Recreation Departments, as well as other City departments in the hopes that it will be adopted as a project. Mr. Doyle will take the lead on next steps.

Informal Discussion:

- **Mokema Woods:** Carolyn Cooney, the representative on the project attends tonight's meeting at Commission's request to review some of the changes that are taking place in the field.

Public Hearing

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 316-0773)

Applicant: Catherine Solomon

Property Location: 147 Riverview Avenue

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

The applicant has requested a continuance until the next meeting on January 21.

Approved 1-21-2021

Motion made to continue to the next meeting on January 21st by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Deveau. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Meeting

Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0028)

Applicant: Robert F. Sullivan and Natalie Sullivan

Property Location: 54 Ivy Lane

The new homeowners of 54 Ivy Lane attended the last meeting to request a Certificate of Compliance that was never issued for their lot. The Commission requested the lot plan that was included in their mortgage paperwork. The homeowners sent this plan to the Commission. Research shows that two (2) of the lots have had a partial Certificate of Compliance issued, but there was not a full Certificate of Compliance issued for the entire subdivision.

Since only a small corner of the lot is within the 100-foot buffer, the Commission voted to issue a partial Certificate of Compliance for this lot.

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

Public Hearing

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 316-0775)

Applicant: Walter Ohnemus

Project Location: 129 Lakeview Avenue

Project Description: Raze an existing single-family home and construct a new single-family home.

Mr. Robert Bibbo of Bibbo Brothers represented the applicant. There is a small vacant house on this lot that sits in a flood plane from Hardy Pond. The contractor is proposing to build a new house with a small crawlspace basement with the rest of the house on columns.

Commission members asked questions of Mr. Bibbo.

Mr. Moser opened the meeting to the public. There were no comments from the public.

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

Motion made to issue a positive Order of Conditions made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Commission Business

- **Approval of meeting minutes from 12-17-2020:** Motion made by Mr. Donovan to approve the minutes from the 12-17-2020 meeting, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

- **Revise Standard Special Conditions:** Motion made by Mr. Donovan to adopt the revised Standard Special Conditions, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
- **Update on filing fee projects:**
 - **Mt. Feake trees:** An email was sent to Michael Chiasson. The Commission is waiting to hear back from Mr. Chiasson.
- **Storer Conservation Land Encroachment:** No updates.
- **Storer Conservation Land Management Plan:** No updates.

Correspondence

- **Snow Disposal Policy from Mass DEP:** The Commission received a letter explaining the DEP's snow policy to be shared with the Department of Consolidated Public Works.
- **Water Quality Certification for Woerd Avenue Bridge:** This is an FYI that the Water Quality request was extended.
- **80 Second Avenue – Gravel in wetland:** In the recent Notices of Intent for this property location, Cambridge Water had sent a letter informing the Commission of gravel that was placed in the wetland. The Engineer for the project is seeking guidance from the Commission how they should handle the gravel. The Commission will reach out to Cambridge Water for direction.
- **Appeal of new high school project:** There was an appeal issued for the Order of Conditions that the Commission issued for the new high school project. The appeal was accepted by DEP and the Law Department is working on it.

Old Business

- **Potential Violation Letters:**
 - **78 Hardy Pond Road:** The homeowner has not responded to our requests to attend a Conservation meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Deveau to issue an Enforcement Order to the homeowner, seconded by Mr. Donovan and Mr. Baker. All in favor. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

- **CPC:** No updates.
- **Trust Fund:** Mr. Dufromont will connect with Ginny Bergin.

Site Visit Reports

- **Mokema Woods:** Mr. Baker has made 12 site visits to this project site.

New Business

- **74 Oakley Lane:** The homeowners has appeared in front of the Commission and were issued an Order of Conditions, but their plans have changed and they are no longer building a second floor, simply doing interior renovations. Michelle will work with the applicant to close out the Order of Conditions.
- **Additional information from applicants:** Mr. Moser brainstormed about ways that applicants can present the Commission with more information when applying for a Request for Determination or Notice of Intent.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.