



**Waltham Conservation Commission
February 25, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Attendees: Chair Philip Moser, Vice Chair Bill Doyle, Gerard Dufromont, Michael Donovan, and Matthew Deveau

Absent: Bradley Baker

Public Meeting

Request for Extension of Order of Conditions (DEP File # 316-0676)

Applicant: Boston Properties Limited Partnership

Property Location: 180 Third Avenue

Mr. Moser recused himself due to a conflict of interest. Mr. Doyle took over as chair.

Nicholas Skoly from VBH represented the applicant. He explained the Order of Conditions expired on March 17, 2020, however, due to the Governor's Emergency Order issued on March 10, 2020, they believe the Order of Conditions is still valid. The Commission wants to verify that the Order is still valid with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and will get back to the applicant.

Motion made to continue Public Meeting to March 11 made by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Mr. Moser returned as chair.

Public Hearing

Notice of Intent (DEP File # not yet assigned)

Applicant: City of Waltham – Engineering Department

Property Location: 356 Second Avenue

Project Description: Replacement of sewer main and manholes.

Robert Winn and John Martino represented the applicant to discuss the replacement of sewer lines and manholes leading up to the pump station at 356 Second Avenue. However, there may be a chance the project will be minimized by lining the pipe instead of a full replacement, but that hasn't been determined yet. The Engineering Department is awaiting video from inside the pipes. The Commission cannot vote tonight because a DEP file number has not yet been assigned.

Motion made to continue Public Hearing to March 11 made by Mr. Dufromont, seconded by Mr. Donovan. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Hearing

Request for Amended Order of Conditions (DEP File # 316-0780)

Applicant: Hemlock Terrace Development LLC

Property Location: 11 Hemlock Terrace

Robert Bibbo of Bibbo Brothers represented the applicant to seek an Amended Order of Conditions. Instead of an addition to the existing single-family home, they are proposing to tear down the entire house and build a new house. Mr. Bibbo explained the new calculations to improve the drainage system.

Commission members had the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

Mr. Moser opened the hearing to the public. One abutting neighbor commented that she was pleased with the new proposal.

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

Mr. Moser stepped away momentarily and asked Mr. Doyle to take over as chair.

Motion made by Mr. Moser to approve the Amended Order of Conditions referencing both drawings with the Commission's Standard Order of Conditions, seconded by Mr. Donovan. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Mr. Moser returned as chair.

Informal Discussion:

- **Resource Area tree removal questions:** Mr. Baker requested that we discuss this item, however, since Mr. Baker is not present, the Commission will discuss at a future meeting.

Commission Business

- **Approval of meeting minutes from 2-4-2021:** Motion made by Mr. Donovan to approve the minutes from the 2-4-2021 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.

Correspondence

- **Eversource Energy Right-of-Way Vegetation Maintenance Activities**
- **115 Copeland Street Potential Violation letter response:** The Commission sent a potential violation letter to the homeowners at 115 Copeland Street. The homeowners responded via letter stating they were not aware they were in violation and they would remove the firepit, plant grass, shrubs, and ground cover to rectify the situation. Michelle will respond asking for specific species of shrubs and for a rough estimate of square footage. The Commission will also request a site visit after the work has been completed.
- **New High School: Response to Request for Superseding Order for the new high school:** Mr. Donovan recused himself due to a conflict of interest. The applicant's representative responded to the Request for Superseding Order opposing the special order of conditions issued from the Commission. Mr. Moser and Mr. Baker drafted a letter in response to their response and asked the Commission for a vote on sending the letter. Some members of the Commission had reservations about sending a letter while the project is in litigation. Mr. Moser will send the letter to the Legal Department for review before sending.
- **Correspondence to MassDOT – Highway Division**
- **Correspondence from Vegetation Control Service about the City of Waltham's 2021 Yearly Operational Plan**
- **Email from Carolyn Cooney about tree selection for Mokema Woods:** Ms. Cooney sent a list of available trees to be planted at the Mokema Woods project site. Mr. Moser asked Michelle to reach out to Ms. Cooney to look into Mr. Moser's resource.

Old Business

- No updates.

Committee Reports

- **CPC:** CPC held a meeting on February 9. Topics discussed with the Leland Home and the Korean Church. The next meeting is scheduled for March 9.
- **Trust Fund:** No updates.

Site Visit Reports

- No updates.

New Business

- Mr. Moser would like to follow-up on the 80 Second Avenue drainage ditch. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.