



**Waltham Conservation Commission
November 16, 2017
Meeting Minutes**

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

Attendees: Chairman Bill Doyle, Vice Chairman Philip Moser, Mike Donovan, Gerard Dufromont

Absent: Brad Baker

Public Meeting

Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: Daniel Bradley

Property Location: 163 Riverview Avenue

Project Description: Removal of one dead birch tree plus trim back branches on two other trees that are overhanging the roof.

Mr. Bradley represented himself. He has a dead birch tree and two oak trees with branches that are overhanging his roof. About 5 feet of the dead tree fell two weeks ago during a wind and rain storm. He is requesting to have the tree removed and the branches trimmed on the oak trees. Mr. Moser asked if Mr. Bradley plans to replace the birch tree. Mr. Bradley replied that he plans on planting some type of bush near the river. Mr. Moser stated that the commission usually requests that the stump is cut close to the ground level, leaving the stump and roots in the ground. Mr. Bradley replied that he is leaving the stump. Mr. Moser noted that the regulations allow pruning of up to 10% of the canopy. Anything more than that would require a Notice of Intent filing. Mr. Bradley stated that the trimming is less than 10%. Mr. Dufromont asked if Mr. Bradley will be doing the work himself. Mr. Bradley replied that he has hired Mark Nardone to do the work. Mr. Dufromont asked that when the tree is taken down, it is required to do as little damage as possible to the shore and river. Mr. Doyle would like to condition the determination that the stump and roots remain in the ground and native species are planted, before and after pictures sent to the office.

Motion made by Mr. Donovan to issue a negative Determination of Applicability, seconded by Mr. Moser with the following conditions: 1) The birch tree's stump and roots will remain in the ground upon removal of the tree; 2) A native species bush will be planted in its place; 3) Before and after pictures will be sent to the Conservation office. Discussion of the motion: Mr. Moser would like to add a fourth condition stating to not trim off more than 10% of the oak trees' canopies. All in favor of the motion. **Motion passed.**

Public Meeting (Continued from 11-2-2017)

Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0689)

Applicant: Robert Farrington/Windsor Village at Waltham Co.

Property Location: 976 Lexington Street

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

Commission Business

- Motion made by Mr. Moser to approve the meeting minutes from 11-2-2017, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Correspondence

- **20 and 32 Lauricella Lane:** DEP recently issued a Certificate of Compliance for these two properties.

Approved 12-7-2017

Old Business

Mr. Doyle

- No updates

Mr. Dufromont

- No updates

Mr. Moser

- **1106 Trapelo Road:** Mr. Moser stopped by to look at their grading of the backyard and everything looked good. The applicant will plant grass in the spring to stabilize it further. They had trees and shrubs in planters that they were getting ready to plant and asked for feedback on where to plant them. They are looking to pave the rest of their driveway and back parking lot which are currently crushed stone. Mr. Moser advised them to have the drainage for that engineered.

Mr. Donovan

- No updates

Committee Reports

- **CPC:** Mr. Dufromont stated they had a meeting the other night. He noted that the Leland Home has approached the CPC for funding to address issues of older citizens who want to remain in Waltham but can't afford rents of new buildings. Leland Home is offering seven rooms where elderly people can go to live and the rental part of CPC would be used to subsidize part of their rent so they can remain in Waltham. Mr. Donovan asked if they mentioned how this would differ from Waltham Housing Authority. Mr. Dufromont replied they are allowing a percentage of their place to be used for low income. They asking for 1 million dollars to be used over three years for the seven units. It includes food and housing. Mr. Dufromont noted that he told them he would like to see an accounting of what they are doing with the money once a year in the form of a financial statement.

New Business

- **Fernald Walks:** Mr. Doyle noted there was a walk today at the Fernald and there is another one on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. to walk the property. The purpose is to allow the public access to the property.

Motion made by Mr. Moser to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Donovan. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.