



Waltham Conservation Commission
July 27, 2023
Meeting Minutes

Meeting took place via public Zoom call with participation information posted at City Hall, Government Center, and on the Commission's page of the City web site. Zoom information was circulated directly to all applicants and others on the public agenda.

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM.

Attendees: Vice Chair Bill Doyle, Gerard Dufromont, Michael Donovan, Bradley Baker, Louis Andrews, Alexander Sbordone.

Absent: Chair Philip Moser.

Public Hearing

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 316-0820) (Continued from 7/13/2023)

Applicant: John Colbert—MWRA

Property Location: Linden Street ROW; Waverley Oaks Road ROW. Project is entirely in roadway between approximately 182 Linden Street and 225 Waverley Oaks Road.

Project Description: Rehabilitation of existing water main (Weston Aqueduct Supply Main – WASM3).

Applicant has requested a continuance to 8/10/2023 to resolve tree hearing issues prior to finalizing the order of conditions.

Motion to continue by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All present in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Hearing

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 316-0819) (Continued from 7/13/2023)

Applicant: Chris Legocki – Greystar Development East, LLC.

Property Location: 379-395 Totten Pond Road

Project Description: The proposed project consists of razing the existing structures located on-site, and the construction of a five-story office/research laboratory building with attached structured parking and associated surface parking. Proposed work will occur within Inland Bank and the 100-foot buffer zone to Inland Bank and Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

Applicant has requested a continuance to the 8/10/2023 meeting.

Motion to continue by Mr. Andrews, seconded by Mr. Sbordone. All present in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Hearing

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 316-0821) (Continued from 7/13/2023)

Applicant: City of Waltham Engineering Department

Approved 8-10-2023

Property Location: 185 Lyman Street (Lyman Pond weir in Chester Brook)

Project Description: The intent of this project is to modify and improve the weir structure located within Chester Brook.

Mr. Winn and Mr. Martino of the City Engineering Department present. ConCom is ready to issue conditions, but would like to confirm if DEP has technical comments. Mr. Winn reported that the DEP reviewer has not issued comments. Discussion focused on the administrative ramifications of approving the filing now or waiting to confirm with DEP. If DEP has major concerns, it could result in a superseding order of conditions and/or an appeal, which could lead to many months of delay. Mr. Winn plans to still proceed with some preliminaries, such as work discussion and estimates from contractors, so a short delay at this time will not be a problem while awaiting confirmation from DEP.

Motion to continue by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All present in favor. **Motion passed.**

Commission Business

- Approval of meeting minutes from 7-13-2023. Motion to approve by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. Motion passed.
- Approval of executive session minutes from 7-13-2023. Motion by Mr. Andrews, seconded by Mr. Donovan. Motion passed.
- Update on filing fee projects (Mr. Moser). Deferred.

Correspondence

- Notification that work is beginning at 326 Lexington Street (DEP 316-0811). Multiple commissioners noted that some trees have been cut in the last few days. Mr. Donovan planned to take a quick look at the site on 7/28.
- Start of work at 171 Copeland Street (DEP 316-0816) noted. Mr. Dufromont will visit.
- DEP concerns regarding erosion and sedimentation controls after recent heavy rains noted. Mr. Dufromont asked the commission office to make a list of projects in process which might be of concern.
- Eversource vegetation management plan for 2023-2027 noted.
- Upcoming Hardy Pond invasive management inspection and possible treatment noted.

Old Business

- Conservation Agent/Code Enforcement Inspector. The commission office has circulated the job posting to numerous locations: Waltham Land Trust, Mass Audubon, CRWA, Mass Land Trust Coalition, neighboring ConComs, the commission volunteer mailing list, local universities.

Site Visit Reports

- Mr. Daly will report on the CRWA presentation on the restoration of Fuller Brook in Wellesley. Deferred, as Mr. Moser planned to add to this presentation.

Committee Reports

- **CPC:** Next meeting scheduled for September 19, 2023.

New Business

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Motion to adjourn by Mr. Andrews, seconded by Mr. Donovan. All present in favor. **Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.