



Waltham Conservation Commission
March 11, 2021
Meeting Minutes

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

Attendees: Chair Philip Moser, Vice Chair Bill Doyle, Gerard Dufromont, Bradley Baker, and Michael Donovan

Absent: Matthew Deveau

Development Prospectus:

- **250 Second Avenue:** Jessica Bardi from Robinson and Cole represented the applicant, Verizon Wireless. The applicant is applying for a special permit from the City to install of wireless communications on top of the roof of a hotel located at 250 Second Avenue. This project will not alter any wetland resources. The Commission did not have any questions for the representative.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to allow Mr. Moser to sign the prospectus, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Meeting (continued from 2-25-2021)

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 and the applicant checked and the Order is still valid with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and will get back to the applicant.

Motion made to grant a 3-year extension on the Order of Conditions made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Mr. Moser returned as chair.

Public Hearing (continued from 2-25-2021)

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 316-0782)

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. They passed a camera along the pipes and manholes and discovered that instead of replacing the pipes and manholes, they will be able to line them instead. There will not be any ground disturbance in the wetlands, therefore the applicant has withdrawn their application.

Public Meeting

Request for Partial Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0769)

Applicant: City of Waltham Recreation Department

Property Location: 125 AFT Mokema Avenue, 117 AFT Seminole Avenue, 233 BF Seminole Avenue

Carolyn Cooney of Carolyn Cooney Associates represented the applicant. They have requested a partial Certificate of Compliance. There is a slight discrepancy in the volume excavated versus the volume that was estimated at Graverson Playground.

Discussion ensued about best ways to deal with this discrepancy. At the end of the discussion, Ms. Cooney withdrew the request of a partial Certificate of Compliance.

Public Meeting

Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: Great Day Improvements

Project Location: 30 Kingston Road

Project Description: Build seasonal sunroom on existing deck.

The homeowners, Yann Beauvais and Natacha Guillotin, and a representative from Great Day Improvements represented the applicant. The homeowners would like to add a sunroom to their existing deck. Eight (8) techno pile posts to support the existing deck will be installed. Ground disturbance will be minimal. They will also be adding a drainage pit to collect the runoff for the roof.

The Commission has requested that the applicant provide a copy of the site plan and the erosion controls shown on the site plan to the Commission.

Motion to issue a negative Determination of Applicability made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Donovan. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Meeting
Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: Harold Masters

Project Location: 111 Woodlawn Avenue

Project Description: Replace existing concrete stairs with wood/composite stairs.

Harold Masters, the homeowner, represented himself to request a determination to remove the existing concrete stairs from the back of his house and replace them with new wood stairs.

Motion to issue a negative Determination of Applicability with the condition to add crushed stone underneath the footprint of the new wood deck, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Meeting
Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: City of Waltham

Project Location: 154 BEF River Street

Project Description: Re-deck Mary Early Foot Bridge

Michael Chiasson, Director of Consolidated Public Works, represented the applicant. City Council requested the decking on the Mary Early foot bridge be replaced because the existing decking is cracked and falling apart. Discussion ensued about the process for replacing the boards.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to issue a negative Determination of Applicability with two conditions:

1. Care shall be taken to assure that no debris from the demolition of the existing decking falls into the river. If it does, there should be measures in place to safely retrieve the pieces.
2. A staging area needs to be set up at one or both ends of the bridge (off of the bridge structure) where cutting and drilling will occur so these activities do not take place over the river.

Seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Informal Discussion:

- **Resource Area tree removal questions:** Mr. Baker requested this item on the agenda, however, in the essence of time, the Commission will discuss at a future meeting.

Commission Business:

- **Approval of meeting minutes from 2-25-2021:** Motion made by Mr. Donovan to approve the minutes from the 2-25-2021 meeting, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
- **Update on filing fee projects:** No updates.

- **Enforcement Order:**
 - 78 Hardy Pond Road: The homeowner at 78 Hardy Pond Road, Art Ghazaryan, was originally issued a potential violation letter for clearing vegetation on the edge of Hardy Pond. Later, a formal Enforcement Order had been issued. Mr. Ghazaryan explained what was pruned and requested a site visit at a later date to identify species to see what can and cannot be cleared. A date will be scheduled at a later date.
- **Storer Conservation Land Encroachment:** No updates.
- **Storer Conservation Land Management Plan:** No updates.

Correspondence

- **Belmont LOMR form:** A request was received to sign a LOMR form as part of the process to map the floodzone associated with Beaver Brook. Motion made to authorize Mr. Moser to sign that LOMR form made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dufromont and Mr. Donovan. All in favor. **Motion approved.**
- **Stonehurst:** Catherine Cagle, the Planning Director, requested that all requests regarding the Paine Estate be sent to her instead of directly to the Curator.

Old Business

- No updates.

Committee Reports

- **CPC:** CPC met on March 9. Topics discussed were the Leland Home, the Armory, and the Mary Early Foot Bridge.
- **Trust Fund:** No updates.

Site Visit Reports

- No updates.

New Business

- **Annual Budget Requests:** Mr. Moser informed the Commission that he is working with the City's Auditor to make budget requests. Mr. Moser has requested a new Conservation Agent position over the last two years. Mr. Moser would like to request this position again this year. The Commission agreed to continue to ask for this position.
- **Conservation Commission vacancy:** Michelle Richard, the Conservation Commission Principal Agent, will be leaving the Commission on March 18. Discussion ensued on how to continue Conservation business while looking for her replacement.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.