



**Waltham Conservation Commission
October 20, 2022
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 7:02 PM.

Attendees: Chair Philip Moser, Vice Chair Bill Doyle, Michael Donovan, Louis Andrews.

Absent: Gerard Dufromont, Bradley Baker, Alexander Sbordone.

Development Prospectus Sign Off

- 1250 Winter Street. Paul Finger summarized the project on behalf of the applicant. The parcel is across from the intersection of Border Road with Main Street. There are no jurisdictional areas on the parcel. The new building will have a smaller footprint, with some of the area converted to parking, while the rear of the lot, zoned residential, will be undeveloped. Mr. Doyle moved to allow the chair to sign off on behalf of the commission, seconded by Mr. Donovan, all present in favor. **Motion passed.** Sign-off will need to be scheduled, as the city council has delayed ConCom's administrative change allowing the Conservation Agent to sign off on commission-approved development prospectuses.

Public Hearing

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 316-0812) (Continued from 10-06-2022)

Applicant: Keir Evans – 1265 Main Street LLC C/O Boston Properties

Property Location: 1265 Main Street

Project Description: Development at 1265 Main Street. Phase I consists of 270,000 sq.ft. of lab/office space, two amenity buildings totaling 22,400 GSF, 685 surface parking spaces, access drives, utility improvements, ancillary landscape/pedestrian improvements, and site preparation for anticipated future development.

Mr. Doyle acted as chair, as Mr. Moser recused.

Nick Skoly and Keir Evans presented some updates. Zone A issues are still being resolved with DEP and Cambridge Water so a continuance will be requested. Most stormwater discharge has been moved out of Zone A and buffer zones. They are waiting to hear from Cambridge on the new plan. Mr. Donovan moved to continue, Mr. Andrews seconded. **Motion approved.**

Public Meeting

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

Applicant: City of Waltham Recreation Department

Property Location: 125 AFT Mokema Ave, 177 AFT Seminole Ave, 233 BF Seminole Ave

Mr. Moser resumed as chair. Carolyn Cooney appeared for the applicant. Multiple commission members are familiar with the project and have visited. Ms. Cooney presented up-to-date photos. The groundcover has come in well. The area was dry over the summer, but is now wet after recent weather. Mr. Moser commented favorably on the state of the plantings. He noted poor past survival and compromises made to allow planting flexibility, which have achieved very good results. Ms. Cooney stated that the contractor confirmed that erosion control removal had been completed this week. Mr. Moser raised the invasive control condition of the order of conditions. He has been speaking to Kim Scott, Director of the Rec Department, and will meet with her and a contractor on site next week to discuss an invasive management program. He noted the site and a proposed management area on an aerial map. The Commission might be able to provide some funding for the project. He will report back to the commission when the Rec Department has a proposal on hand. Mr. Doyle moved to issue a certificate of compliance, seconded by Mr. Donovan. All present in favor. **Motion passed.**

Commission Business

- Approval of meeting minutes from 10-06-2022. Motion to approve by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Andrews. **Motion passed.**
- Storer Conservation Land Encroachment. The resident at 711 Beaver Street has corrected their encroachment. Mr. Andrews and Mr. Dufromont visited and verified. The resident has requested a letter from the commission to confirm compliance. The office will draft this letter.

Correspondence

- INFORMATIONAL: Start of 404 Wyman Street pedestrian bridge repair (316-0810) noted.
- INFORMATIONAL: Status of small oil spill at 153 Second Ave last week noted.
- INFORMATIONAL: MWRA draft environmental impact report for the Metropolitan Water Tunnel Program briefly discussed. MWRA has not finalized alternatives. Multiple shaft locations are likely to be needed in Waltham, siting and permitting to be determined. The commission will review once an application has been submitted.

Site Visit Reports

- 143 Riverview Ave. Mr. Moser asked if any follow-up had been done regarding the report of non-permitted tree cutting at this site by a resident about 10 days earlier. There had been some confusion regarding the address, as 147 Riverview had recently been permitted to remove a tree. The office reached out to 147 and confirmed that they have not begun work. No one from the commission has been able to make a site visit. Mr. Moser recommended sending a potential violation letter to 143 Riverview. The office will do this.

Committee Reports

- **CPC:** Met on October 11. Next meeting: November 22, 2022. Mr. Doyle reported no new applications to the CPC. Fernald surveying and the Hardy Pond Conservation Area were recently discussed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.