



**Waltham Conservation Commission
May 3, 2018
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Chair Bill Doyle, Vice Chair Philip Moser, Brad Baker, Mike Donovan, Gerard Dufromont, Courtney Semlow

Absent: None

Development Prospectus

- 95 Moody Street

Atty. Bret Francis, Scafidi Juliano, presented a development prospectus for a special permit on behalf of Oaktree Management, to develop 14 units. Mr. Doyle noted that a sliver of the property is in jurisdiction. Atty. Francis stated that he spoke with Atty. Phil McCourt who felt the project will have no impact on the wetlands. Mr. Doyle recommended the Applicant file an RDA with the Commission.

Motion made by Mr. Moser for Mr. Doyle to sign the Development Prospectus, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor.

Motion passed.

Public Meeting (Continued from 4-19-2018)

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

Applicant: Robert Farrington/Windsor Village at Waltham Co.

Property Location: 976 Lexington Street

Mr. Moser will draft an Enforcement Order.

Commission Business

- **Approval of meeting minutes from 3-22-2018, 4-5-2018 and 4-19-2018:** Mr. Donovan requested two minor changes to the Lyman Estate hearing from 4-5-2018. The April 19th minutes were not ready for review. Motion made by Mr. Donovan to accept and approve the March 22nd and April 5th meeting minutes with minor changes to the April 5th minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
- **Election of Officers:**
 - Mr. Doyle nominated Jerry Dufromont as Secretary, seconded by Mr. Moser.
Roll Call Vote: Ms. Semlow: Yay, Mr. Moser: Yay, Mr. Baker: Yay, Mr. Donovan: Yay, Mr. Doyle: Yay.
 - Mr. Dufromont nominated Bill Doyle as Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Donovan.
Roll Call Vote: Ms. Semlow: Yay, Mr. Dufromont: Yay, Mr. Moser: Yay, Mr. Baker: Yay, Mr. Donovan: Yay.
 - Mr. Dufromont nominated Philip Moser as Chair, seconded by Mr. Donovan.
Roll Call Vote: Ms. Semlow: Yay, Mr. Dufromont: Yay, Mr. Baker: Yay, Mr. Donovan: Yay, Mr. Doyle: Yay.Motion made by Mr. Moser to keep Mr. Dufromont on as CPC representative through September 2018, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Correspondence

- **Meadowscaping for Biodiversity Project:** The group is looking for an area at Paine Estate to create another garden like the one they had there last year. Ms. Clifford responded by suggesting they find another spot in the city. Mr. Baker has a few recommendations for them. Mr. Dufromont suggested the group contact the Historical Commission to potentially plant at the Wellington House located on Trapelo Road.

Approved 5-17-2018

- **Paine Estate sewer replacement:** Mr. Donovan stated that the Commission received a response to their letter and Engineering agreed with the Commission's concerns and will do what was suggested. The work most likely won't get finished until next year.
- **Commonwealth of Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) grant application:** Catherine Cagle, Planning Department Head, requested a letter of support from ConCom for her grant application re: climate change impacts. Mr. Moser stated that the Commission is concerned with stormwater management and flooding, and we would like to see better stormwater management. A letter will be composed indicating such.
- **Pond behind Glenmeadow Condos:** A concerned resident contacted ConCom to say she's noticed several dead fish in the pond behind Glenmeadow Condos, 1105 Lexington Street. Mr. Dufromont and Mr. Moser agree that it is most likely due to the lack of oxygen that is affecting the fish.
- **YMCA water main break:** There was a water main break yesterday at the YMCA, 725 Lexington Street. The City's Engineering and Water Departments will be contacted asking for more information on what broke out there.
- **Indian Ridge trees:** The City's tree warden sent an e-mail asking about the dead trees that are leaning over Lexington Street that are on Indian Ridge's property. A letter will be sent to the tree warden stating that if the tree is ready to fall, it should be cut down but to leave it if it's in the wetlands. There is no official filing. The tree warden should contact Indian Ridge with his request.

Old Business

Mr. Doyle

- No updates

Mr. Baker

- **Paine Estate trees:** Mr. Baker stated that he is waiting for the crawler stage at the end of May, then he will contact the City's tree warden to go out and spray.
- **Paine Estate wisteria:** Mr. Baker will notify the Mayor once he sees leaves on the wisteria. Two weeks later someone from CPW should come out to cut and remove the wisteria that's at the helipad. Then Mr. Baker and volunteers will lop off everything else.

Mr. Dufromont

- **Trail and Stonehurst interpretive brochures:** They've worked on it and they are waiting for the Mayor's approval. The Land Trust has received a \$55,000 grant for signage.

Mr. Moser

- **Multi-Family residential properties:** Representatives from Bishops Forest and Briar Glen Village will be attending the next meeting to discuss potential violations on the two properties.

Mr. Donovan

- No updates

Ms. Semlow

- **Lazazzero erosion issue:** Ms. Semlow and Mr. Moser met at Lazazzero Park. The asphalt is eroded. Ms. Semlow feels the gravel washed away and the asphalt followed suit. It's an erosion issue that is detrimental to Hardy Pond. She will compose a letter to the Recreation Department expressing the Commission's concerns.

Committee Reports

- **CPC:** Their next meeting is Tuesday, May 8th at 7:00 p.m. and it's being held at the Charles River Museum.
- **Trust Fund:** Mr. Doyle noted that the Mayor would like some of the Trust Fund money used toward signage at Paine Estate.

Site visit reports

- **200 Smith Street:** Mr. Dufromont reported that the building is almost ready to rent. Erosion controls are still in place.

- **Massachusetts Medical Association, 860 Winter Street:** Mr. Dufromont reported that many of their trees have blown down from recent storms and many are in the wetlands. A letter will be sent requesting that they come before the Commission for the trees they would like to have removed.
- **Cedarwood Playground:** Mr. Donovan stopped by to look at the area that residents would like to have turned into a dog park. Julie noted that the Order of Conditions has expired. There cannot be any changes made to those plans. The order needs to be closed and a new Notice of Intent filed. Mr. Doyle suggested sending a letter to the Recreation Department indicating that the current OOC needs to be closed, the seeds aren't there and major erosion is happening. This needs to be addressed in order to close it out. Mr. Donovan will compose the letter.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.