



**Waltham Conservation Commission
January 24, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

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

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

Absent: Courtney Semlow

Public Hearing (Continued from 1-10-2019)

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 316-0745)

Applicant: Anthony Cardillo, Cardillo Development Corporation

Property Location: 343 River Street

Project Description: Construction of a duplex

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

Public Meeting

Request for Extension of Order of Conditions (DEP File # 316-0552)

Applicant: City of Waltham CPW

Property Location: Hardy Pond

Kara Sliwoski, Solitude Lake Management, requested an extension of the Order of Conditions. She explained their process for treating Hardy Pond as well as water quality monitoring.

Mr. Moser asked about the filamentous algae. He noted that someone who lives on Hardy Pond was told that algae isn't treated. Ms. Sliwoski stated that they now treat the filamentous algae. Mr. Moser asked about blue-green algae.

Ms. Sliwoski noted that they don't currently treat for it, but will if they notice any of their blooms.

Mr. Baker asked for the percentage of the water chestnuts that they remove each year. Ms. Sliwoski believes it's at 100%.

Motion made from Mr. Doyle to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to issue a three-year extension, seconded by Mr. Donovan. Discussion of the motion:

Mr. Moser would like them to continue some level of water and/or sediment treatment and specifically include testing for copper. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Meeting

Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: Andrea R. Willis aka Andrea A. Rizzo

Property Location: 108 Hibiscus Avenue

Project Description: Addition of a second floor and deck

Bob Bibbo, Bibbo Brothers & Associates, represented the Applicant. They are proposing to add a second story to the existing house in the same footprint, and a 10' x 10' deck over the existing concrete pad.

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

Motion passed.

Approved 2-7-2019

Public Meeting

Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: City of Waltham CPW

Property Location: Mt. Feake Cemetery, 203 Prospect Street

Project Description: Removal and replacement of trees

Mr. Moser stated that this was discussed with the Applicant at the last meeting, but since it wasn't on the agenda, the Commission could not vote on it.

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

- 1) Any trees that are removed within the buffer zone or riverfront area have to be replaced at a minimum 1:1 replication in similar proximity to the resource area;
- 2) The replacement trees shall be native species;
- 3) Mulch shall be placed around each of the trees;
- 4) Restoration plantings shall be completed within two years; and
- 5) Stumps will be ground to a maximum depth of 6 inches below grade with loam and seed or sod placed on top.

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

Public Meeting

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

Applicant: Windsor Village at Waltham Co.

Property Location: 976 Lexington Street

Mr. Moser stated that this was discussed with the Applicant's representative at the last meeting, but since it wasn't on the agenda, the Commission could not vote on it. The Commission is pleased with the work that has been done.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to issue a Certificate of Compliance and provide a brief letter to the Applicant stating that the Commission understands that the restoration area on the Indian Ridge property (behind the dumpster at the end of the parking lot) will not be maintained as a manicured landscape area, and will instead be allowed to fill with native vegetation that can contribute to the ecosystem and form a dense mat of roots to further stabilize the soil. If they would like to keep it as a manicured area in the future, they will need to file a Notice of Intent with the Commission.

Motion seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Meeting

Request to Rescind Enforcement Order (DEP File # 316-0689)

Applicant: Windsor Village at Waltham Co.

Property Location: 976 Lexington Street

Mr. Moser explained that when the Applicant requested a Certificate of Compliance last year, there were a few items that weren't in compliance with the original plan approved by the Commission. The Applicant has made the necessary changes and the Commission is pleased with the completed work.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to rescind the Enforcement Order, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Commission Business

- **Approval of meeting minutes from 1-10-2019:** Motion made by Mr. Donovan to approve the meeting minutes from 1-10-2019, seconded by Mr. Doyle. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
- **Question from a concerned resident:** Continued until next meeting.
- **Potential uses for filing fees in administering the Wetlands Protection Act:** Mr. Baker would like integrated pest monitoring added to this list.
- "Press release ideas" will be added under Commission Business on the next meeting's agenda.

Correspondence

- **Hardy Pond Association letter:** Mr. Moser noted that a letter was sent to City Engineer, Steve Casazza, with a cc to the Commission stating that along with the dredging of Hardy Pond 15-20 years ago, Gross Particle Separators were added to a number of storm sewers in the neighborhood. It appears the GPSs are not being

maintained as originally planned. Mr. Doyle recommended sending a letter to Mr. Casazza citing the DEP File # for the dredging that was done and the condition number(s) pertaining to maintenance of the GPSs as an FYI.

- **Eversource:** Eversource sent the Commission a letter re: their annual herbicide plan. The links to the documentation don't work. We will send them a letter indicating such. Mr. Doyle recommended Mr. Moser reach out to Michele Grzenda, agent for Weston's Conservation Commission to see how she responds to Eversource's letters.

Old Business

Mr. Moser

- No updates

Mr. Doyle

- No updates

Mr. Baker

- **Paine Estate plantings:** Mr. Baker rolled a few small boulders in place around the meadowscaping to protect it from lawn mowers.

Mr. Dufromont

- Trail and Stonehurst interpretive brochure

Mr. Donovan

- **Totten Pond Road project:** The as-builts are still being worked on.

Committee Reports

- **CPC:** Next meeting is February 5th
- **Trust Fund:** No updates

Site visit reports

New Business

- **MACC Conference:** March 2, 2019: Courtney, Brad and Mike are signed up to attend. Mr. Donovan would like attendees' presentations to be put in a shared folder.
- **Waltham News Tribune reporter:** Mr. Doyle spoke with Kerry Feltner re: some of the Commission's projects and initiatives.
- **Watershed Planning:** Mr. Moser learned that there is a state grant for this (604B Program). The average grant size is \$30K - \$50K. Municipalities and other government agencies can apply for it. He reached out to the mayor to see if she will support the Conservation Commission in applying for it. He is waiting to hear back from her.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.