



**Waltham Conservation Commission
November 21, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

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

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

Absent: Brad Baker

Public Meeting

Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: Boston Dynamics

Property Location: 200 Smith Street

Project Description: Tenant improvement that includes exterior work consisting of new equipment pads, a truck loading area, privacy wall, and reconfiguration of internal circulation.

Will Park of SMMA and Jay Peyser of J. Calnan Associates, construction manager representing Boston Dynamics, are here to represent the applicant. Mr. Park explained that Boston Dynamics is a tenant at The Post office park and would like to modify the outside space for their specific work.

Since the work is taking place outside of the buffer zone, it is not in Conservation's jurisdiction and therefore

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to issue a negative determination, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Meeting

Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File# 316-0717)

Applicant: City of Waltham Recreation Department

Property Location: 16 Pine Vale Road

Carolyn Cooney of Carolyn Cooney and Associates, the contractor responsible for the completion of Graverson Park approached the Commission to request a partial Certificate of Compliance for Graverson Park. The original Order of Conditions has expired and the project was not built as designed. The applicant is requesting a partial Certificate of Compliance to close out the old Order of Conditions and will then file a new Notice of Intent to complete the project.

The Commission decided that it would be best to not issue a Certificate of Compliance and have the applicant file a new Notice of Intent to complete the project and then issue Certificates of Compliance for both Orders of Conditions once the project is complete and approved.

Motion made by Mr. Donovan to deny a request for a partial Certificate of Compliance, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Meeting

Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File# 316-0718)

Applicant: City of Waltham Recreation Department

Property Location: 385 Trapelo Road

Carolyn Cooney of Carolyn Cooney and Associates, the contractor responsible for the completion of Elsie Turner Playground approached the Commission to request a Certificate of Compliance for this location. The project was built to

the as-built plans, with the exception of one stormwater retention basin that the City of Waltham decided to eliminate. However, the Stormwater Report calculations still comply with the standards.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to issue a Certificate of Compliance, seconded by Mr. Donovan. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Hearing

Request for amendment to Order of Conditions (DEP File# 316-0733)

Applicant: 275 Wyman LLC c/o Hobbs Brook Management LLC

Property Location: 225, 235 and 303 Wyman Street

Mr. James White of H.W. Moore Associates and Chris Poravas from Hobbs Brooks Management attended the hearing to request an amendment to their Order of Conditions. The project requires a drainage change in the existing easterly parking lot. The existing conditions are for two catch basins with no treatment and discharge to a sedimentation basin into the wetlands. To improve the entire site to meet current TSS removal requirements, they are proposing to put a three drain inlets going to drain manholes to one water quality device, which is built on the existing pipe. All work is taking place on paved areas and will improve water quality by using the one water quality device.

One audience member approached the Commission to support the work at Hobbs Brooks because they hire Union workers at their job sites.

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

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to issue an Amended Order of Conditions and reference drain revisions report plan 10-11-2019, seconded by Mr. Donovan. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Informal Discussion

- 380 Lexington Street (Piety Corner Landscaping Plan) – Mike Garvin, the City's Traffic Engineer, presented the landscaping plan to the Commission to ask if the plan satisfies the Commission's Site Specific Conditions.

Motion to issue a letter to Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection stating that the plan presented tonight (dated 11/21/2019) satisfies the Conservation's Special Condition made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Donovan. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Commission Business

- **Approval of meeting minutes from 11-7-2019:** Motion made by Mr. Donovan to approve the meeting minutes from 11-7-2019, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
- **Potential uses for filing fees in administering the Wetlands Protection Act:** There are three projects the Commission is working on:
 1. Hardy Pond Shore project: The Commission voted on this at the last meeting. 1:13:11
 2. Mt. Feake project: This project has been evolving by Mr. Baker, who has been doing a lot of the work himself and therefore may not need as much help from a consultant. Mr. Baker will update the Commission at the next meeting.
 3. Inventory of known wetlands on city property: Mr. Moser have been working with Eric Rizza from IT to help us with the GIS mapping. If the work can be done in house, it will save the City some money.
- **Press release ideas:** No updates.
- **Open enforcement orders:**
 1. 250-252 Prospect Street (site visit update) – Mr. Dufromont visited this site on November 22 with the homeowner and took pictures to share with the Commission. Discussion ensued about next steps. First, the homeowner needs to remove the pallet from the water. Next, the Commission will invite Dan Driscoll from the Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) to review the project to seek advice on how to

proceed. If DCR does not have issue with the stairs, the Conservation will ask resident to file a Notice of Intent.

Correspondence

- Eversource: Notification of Utility Maintenance Activities
- Hardy Pond Association: Request for water quality report from Solitude – The Commission has not received this report yet, but when it is received, the Commission will forward the report along to the Hardy Pond Association.

Old Business

Mr. Moser

- No updates

Mr. Doyle

- **Paine Estate Forestry Plan:** This plan was approved by the Community Preservation Committee for \$50,000. Funds need to be approved by City Council next.

Mr. Baker

- No updates.

Mr. Dufromont

- No updates

Mr. Donovan

- **Totten Pond Road project:** Mr. Donovan requested these plans from Mr. Cazassa and he responded that he is working on it.

Ms. Semlow

- No updates

Committee Reports

- **CPC:** Mr. Doyle updated the Commission on Tuesday's meeting. They approved the Commission's Forestry Plan for Paine Estate, the Historic Commission requested \$30,000 for mapping historic properties in the City of Waltham, Lyman Estate approved to renovate the study room in the house.
- **Trust Fund:** No updates.

Site visit reports: No updates.

New Business: No updates.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.