



**Waltham Conservation Commission
December 19, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

Absent: Courtney Semlow

Public Hearing

Request for Amended Order of Conditions (DEP File# 316-0757)

Applicant: City of Waltham – Engineering Department

Property Location: Roadway Layout near 380 Lexington Street

Project Description: Intersection improvement project at Totten Pond Road at Lexington Street.

Mike Garvin, Traffic Engineer for the City of Waltham, requested that the Commission reopen the public hearing to amend the Order of Conditions to include the final Landscaping Plan.

The public hearing was opened to the public. An abutter approached the commission to ask what trees are being added to the landscaping plan. Mr. Garvin responded pointing out the trees on the landscaping plan.

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

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to issue an Amended Order of Conditions and reference the final landscaping plan dated 11-21-2019, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Meeting

Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0747)

Applicant: Paul Willoughby & Elissa Quattrini

Property Location: 36 Oakley Lane

Mr. Bibbo from Bibbo Brothers approached the commission to request a Certificate of Compliance. The as-built plans were submitted and match the originally proposed project.

Mr. Donovan visited the site and confirmed that the project was conducted as planned

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

Public Meeting

Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0735)

Applicant: Robert E. & Dovile D. Murray

Property Location: 75 Knollwood Drive

Mr. Bibbo from Bibbo Brothers approached the commission to request a Certificate of Compliance. Alterations made to the final design that are different than originally proposed.

The developer, Mark Rogers, was present at the meeting and explained how the changes to the original plan were made in order to stabilize the ground.

The Commission requested that the applicant give back 100 square feet to the vegetated wetlands. Mr. Baker would like to see bio-diversity tree plantings. The applicant will perform this work and come back for a Certificate of Compliance at the next meeting.

Mr. Moser would like to see a stone wall marking the property parameters.

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

Public Meeting

Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0719)

Applicant: Peter Bronk & Susan J. Axe-Bronk

Property Location: 45 Knollwood Drive

Mr. Bibbo from Bibbo Brothers approached the commission to request a Certificate of Compliance. The project was not built exactly to plan, however, all measurements are smaller than requested.

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

Public Meeting

Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0741)

Applicant: Frank Valentino

Property Location: 80 Clark Lane

Mr. Bibbo from Bibbo Brothers approached the commission to request that the Commission withdraw the enforcement order issued on 10-17-2019, now that the stream has been determined to be intermittent. Being an intermittent stream, it puts the property outside of the Conservation's jurisdiction and therefore is not in violation of the wetlands regulations. The Certificate of Compliance was issued on 9-16-2019.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to rescind the Enforcement Order issued on 10-17-2019, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

A letter will be sent to the homeowner acknowledging the Commission has rescinded the enforcement order.

Informal Discussion

- 404 Wyman Street – Jim White from H.W. Moore and Associates and Ms. Maria Higgins from Hobbs Brooks approached the Commission to discuss a minor change to the water discharge on the project at 404 Wyman Street. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that this informal discussion was to keep the Commission in the loop with the minor change proposed to the water discharge system and the Commission agreed with this change.

Commission Business

- **Approval of meeting minutes from 12-5-2019:** Motion made by Mr. Donovan to approve the meeting minutes from 12-5-2019, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
- **Potential uses for filing fees in administering the Wetlands Protection Act:** No updates.
- **Press release ideas:** No updates.
- **Open enforcement orders:**
 1. 199 Lincoln Street: No update.
 2. 205 Willow Street: No update.
 3. 152-OPP, 162-OPP Lakeview Ave: The homeowner's daughter contacted the Commission stating they would replant in the spring.
 4. 250-252 Prospect: Mr. Doyle heard back from Dan Driscoll and he would like to meet the Commission for a site visit. Mr. Doyle will schedule a site visit for some time next month.

5. Bishops Forest: The Property Manager at Bishops Forest has not completed what they were supposed to do. Mr. Moser would like to ask the Law Department for an opinion on how to handle this before the statute of limitations expires.

Motion to contact the Law Department to ask for assistance in determining the statute of limitations for this enforcement order made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Correspondence

- "What we do" Mission Statement – Mr. Baker would like to propose a mission statement for the Commission. The commission would like to revisit the statement on the website and add more pro-active items and approve by the second January meeting.

Old Business

Mr. Moser

- No updates

Mr. Doyle

- **Paine Estate Forestry Plan:** This plan was approved by the Committee of the Whole. The next step is for the commission to submit an RFP for a consultant to perform this work. Mr. Doyle would like the Commission to review the draft RFP and send him comments and changes.

Mr. Baker

- No updates.

Mr. Dufromont

- No updates

Mr. Donovan

- No updates

Ms. Semlow

- No updates

Committee Reports

- **CPC:**
- **Trust Fund:** No updates.

Site visit reports: No updates.

New Business: Mr. Moser would like the Commission to purchase wild flower seeds to use at various Conservation Commission jurisdictional areas within the City.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.