



**Waltham Conservation Commission
January 9, 2020
Meeting Minutes**

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

Attendees: Vice Chair Bill Doyle, Brad Baker, Mike Donovan, and Courtney Semlow

Absent: Philip Moser and Gerard Dufromont

Public Meeting (Continued from 12-19-2019)
Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0735)
Applicant: Robert E. & Dovile D. Murray
Property Location: 75 Knollwood Drive

Motion made by Mr. Donovan to table item to later in the agenda, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Meeting
Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0641)
Applicant: SPC Main Street LLC.
Property Location: 1265 Main Street

Nick Skoly of VBH, Inc. and Rick Vallarelli represented the client. The project at 1265 Main Street will be completed in two phases. The original Notice of Intent was for Phase 1. Mr. Doyle performed a site visit back in 2014. The site is stabilized and drainage is in.

The Commission feels like Phase 1 of this project is complete. Mr. Doyle would like to see a final as-built plan, the Cambridge water report, and a revised Form 8A and then the Commission can issue a full Certificate of Compliance and not just a partial Certificate of Compliance.

Motion made by Mr. Baker to continue to the January 23 meeting, seconded by Mr. Donovan. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Hearing
Notice of Intent (DEP File # TBA)
Applicant: Bentley University
Property Location: Beaver Street
Project Type: Softball field renovation project

Arsen Hambardzumian from Nesra Engineering represented the applicant along with two other co-workers and two Bentley University representatives. The architect explained the project and how they will protect the resource area. The University is looking to improve the ADA accessibility.

Meeting opened to the public. No questions from the public.

A site visit is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15 at 7:30 am

Anticipated start date is May 4 in an effort to complete by August 1 for a Fall 2020 semester opening.

Motion made by Mr. Donovan to continue to the next meeting January 23, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Mr. Doyle pointed out that Bentley still has an Open Order of Conditions for the arena project. The project is now complete, so he requested that the University apply for a Certificate of Compliance in the near future.

Commission Business

- **Approval of meeting minutes from 12-19-2019:** Motion made by Mr. Donovan to approve the meeting minutes from 12-19-2019, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
- **Filing fees suggestions:** No updates.
- **Press release ideas:** No updates.
- **Open enforcement orders:**
 - 199 Lincoln Street: The property owners attended the meeting to explain they removed the debris in the woods. Mr. Doyle will make a site visit on Thursday, January 16 at 8:00 am
 - 205 Willow Street: The attorney representing the property owner will attend the next meeting on January 23.
 - 152-OPP, 162-OPP Lakeview Ave: No updates.
 - 250-252 Prospect (pending input from DCR): No updates.
 - Bishops Forest: No updates

Correspondence

- No updates.

Old Business

Mr. Moser

- No updates.

Mr. Doyle

- **Paine Estate Forestry Plan:** Mr. Doyle has circulated the RFP to the commission and is awaiting any feedback from Commission members. Mr. Doyle will schedule a meeting with Joe Pedulla for guidance in sending it out for public bid.
- **250-252 Prospect Street (Response from DCR?):** No update. Mr. Doyle has not connected with Dan Driscoll yet.

Mr. Baker

- **Paine Estate Forestry Plan:** Mr. Baker would like to do a mapping survey of the Paine Estate for free to help save money.

Mr. Dufromont

- No updates.

Mr. Donovan

- No updates.

Ms. Semlow

- No updates.

Committee Reports

- **CPC:** Next meeting on 2-11-2020
- **Trust Fund:** Potential purchases of land, easements, or conservation restrictions using trust funds

Site visit reports

- **75 Knollwood Drive:** Mr. Donovan visited this project site and was not satisfied with the changes made.

Motion made by Mr. Donovan to untable the 75 Knollwood Drive agenda item and continue to the next meeting on January 23, seconded by Mr. Baker. All in favor. Motion passed.

New Business

- **Hardy Pond trees cut down:** There's been a citizen report about trees being cut down on the shore of Hardy Pond at the end of Lakeview Terrace. Discussion ensued about next steps. All commission members were asked to drive by to see this location before the next meeting. Brad will be the contact for this on future agendas.
- **Mt. Feake Cemetery:** Mr. Baker met with Cemetery Board last week to ask for permission to perform work at this location. Mr. Baker received their approval to have a consultant work with us to perform work there. We need their approval when we have various groups of people to come through the Cemetery.

Mr. Baker sent information to three different consultants and received one response. Mr. Baker spoke with this potential consultant and several questions came up. Mr. Baker will summarize this new information and will send it to all the potential consultants so that they all have the same information.

- **Stonehurst/Paine Estate encroachment:** Property owners abutting Stonehurst and the Paine Estate have been encroaching on City-owned properties for years. The Conservation Commission hired Mr. Bob Bibbo, a professional surveyor, to identify where there are areas of encroachment and then the Commission will take action with those property owners to rectify the situation. Mr. Bibbo presented his findings to the Commission. The Commission will discuss next steps with Mr. Moser at a future meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.