



**Waltham Conservation Commission
January 23, 2020
Meeting Minutes**

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

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

Absent: Philip Moser and Brad Baker

Public Meeting (Continued from 1-9-2019)

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

Applicant: Robert E. & Dovile D. Murray

Property Location: 75 Knollwood Drive

Mr. Robert Bibbo from Bibbo Brothers represented the applicant. Mr. Bibbo and Mr. Rogers, the contractor, explained the modifications that were made to the site since the last time we meet with them. The Commission was not satisfied with the changes that have been made. The rocks that were installed to make a barrier are inadequate because they can be easily removed once the house is sold.

There does not need to be any changes made to the front yard, however the Commission is requesting mulch on the sod and large rocks that cannot be easily removed in the backyard.

Motion made by Mr. Donovan to continue to next meeting on February 6, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Meeting (Continued from 1-9-2019)

Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0641)

Applicant: SPC Main Street LLC.

Property Location: 1265 Main Street

Mr. Nick Skolly of VHB represented the applicant to request a full Certificate of Compliance for this location. Ms. Semlow recently visited the location and noticed that there were several places at the site that needed maintenance work. It appears that the regular Operation & Maintenance is not being performed.

Motion made by Mr. Donovan to clean up the area, bring the complete Operations & Management guide and then continue to the next meeting on February 6, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Hearing (Continued from 1-9-2019)

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 316-0762)

Applicant: Bentley University

Property Location: Beaver Street

Project Type: Softball field renovation project

Mr. Arsen Hambardzumian of Nesra Engineering, LLC represented the applicant to report out on the site visit on January 16. The project is slated to start around May 4 and they hope to have it completed in August 2020 in time for the Fall semester.

The Commission would like to add the following Site specific conditions to the Special Order of Conditions:

1. Extend the cleaning of the swale channel
2. Remove the shrubs and trees under 4" and maintain those that are larger than 4"
3. Install straw waddles on the back of the fence.

Motion made by Mr. Donovan to accept the documents from the applicant and add three site specific conditions, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Meeting

Request for Certificate of Compliance (DEP File # 316-0736)

Applicant: City of Waltham – Recreation Department

Property Location: Hillcroft Playground

The applicant was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Motion made by Ms. Semlow to continue to the next meeting on February 6, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Commission Business

- **Approval of meeting minutes from 1-9-2020:** Motion made by Mr. Donovan to approve the meeting minutes from 1-9-2020, seconded by Ms. Semlow. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
- **Filing fees suggestions:** No updates.
- **Press release ideas:** No updates.
- **Open enforcement orders:**
 - **199 Lincoln Street:** Mr. Doyle performed a site visit and cleared the homeowners of any potential violations.
 - **205 Willow Street:** Attorney Richard LeClair represented his client, VC Realty Trust, to respond to the potential violation letter that was sent on December 2, 2019. Discussion ensued about two oil spills that happened at this gas station over the last few years. Mr. LeClair stated that his client is in compliance and has taken action when there have been incidents in the past. The Commission has requested a letter from the Attorney stating that they are in compliance so that the Commission will have it on file.
 - **152-OPP, 162-OPP Lakeview Ave:** No updates.
 - **250-252 Prospect:** Mr. Doyle Still waiting to connect with Dan Driscoll from DCR.
 - **Bishops Forest:** No updates.

Correspondence

- **Sewer Rehabilitation at the Fernald Property:** A representative from Bentley University explained the project that will be taking place at the Fernald. The project should be completed in about a month.
- **Inspection of GPS Unit at Hardy Pond Road:** The Commission received a report from Sam Bade about the GPS inspection at Hardy Pond at Mr. Moser's request. Mr. Moser will follow up with Mr. Bade for more information.
- **52 Clark Lane:** Several neighbors to the 52 Clark Lane project site recently contacted the office to clarify what the plans are for 52 Clark Lane. A member of the Commission will reach out to Paul Finger's office for more information.

Old Business

Mr. Moser

- No updates.

Mr. Doyle

- **Paine Estate Forestry Plan:** Mr. Doyle and Mr. Moser are meeting with Joe Pedulla on February 11 to discuss the Request for Proposal.
- **250-252 Prospect Street (Response from DCR?):** No updates.

Mr. Baker

- No updates.

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

- No updates.

New Business

- **Hardy Pond trees cut down:** Several weeks ago, a resident reported that trees had been cut down on the shore of Hardy Pond. Mr. Moser met with Officer Caissie and Sargent Moran to make a formal police report. These officers have attempted to meet with the homeowners in that area. Once they are do make contact, they will be in touch with the office.
- **Mt. Feake Cemetery:** No updates.
- **Stonehurst/Paine Estate encroachment:** No updates.
- **Northgate Gardens Condominiums/Shady Pond Conservation Area:** The Commission was contacted by the Waltham Police Department about a resident at this Condo complex who has been parking their vehicle on the Shady Pond Conservation property. Mr. Moser will follow up with the detective.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.