



**Waltham Conservation Commission
April 30, 2020
Meeting Minutes**

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

Attendees: Chair Philip Moser, Vice Chair Bill Doyle, Gerard Dufromont, Bradley Baker, Michael Donovan, and Courtney Semlow

Ms. Semlow joined the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Public Hearing

Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: ARE-MA Region No. 63, LLC.

Property Location: 275 Second Avenue

Project Description: Installation of one (1) two (2) port EV charging station.

Dawn Leaman, property manager for Alexandria Real Estate, along with several other participants represented the applicant to ask for a determination for installing an EV charging station in a parking lot at 275 Second Avenue.

The project manager explained the scope of work for this project. This project will take approximately 5-6 days to complete. Disturbance from this work will be minimal.

Mr. Moser opened the hearing to the public. There were no comments from the public.

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

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

Commission Business

- **Approval of meeting minutes from 04-16-2020:** Motion made by Mr. Donovan to approve the minutes from the 04-16-2020 meeting, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. All in favor. **Motion passed.**
- **Update on filing fee projects:** Mr. Moser explained that these are pending while the Mayor is getting input from the Law Dept. Mr. Baker mentioned that filing fees is supposed to pay for the Mt. Feake project. Several companies were asked to submit a proposal for a management study to control the invasives at Mt. Feake Cemetery, not implementation. We received one proposal, but the Commission has not yet voted on the proposal.
- **Storer Conservation Land Encroachment – Next steps:** Letters were sent out to several abutters of the Paine Estate informing the residents of encroachment onto the Storer Conservation Land. Mr. Moser also contacted the Law Department and is awaiting advice from them. Several recipients have contacted the Conservation office, however, they have not been able to attend a meeting because of the pandemic. Mr. Moser would like to invite these residents to the next Conservation Meeting to move this project along.
- **Storer Conservation Land Management Plan:** Mr. Moser met with Mr. Doyle and also consulted with Ann Clifford to finalize the scope of what we are asking the consultant to do. It is undecided whether the Commission should hire a landscape architect or an ecological consultant. The scope of work should be able to decide this.
- **Conservation Agent staff position:** Mr. Moser drafted a job description at the request of the Mayor. Mr. Moser has not received feedback on the description yet.

Old Business

Approved 5-14-2020

- **1430 Trapelo Road:** Mr. Dufromont would like to know when this project is slated to begin. Once the project is started, Mr. Dufromont will make a site visit. The Commission will reach out to the applicant for a start date.
- **Bentley University Softball Field:** Mr. Dufromont would like to know when the softball field renovation is scheduled to start. Mr. Dufromont is supposed to make a site visit during construction. The Commission will reach out to the applicant for a start date.

Committee Reports

- **CPC:** The CPC recently hosted an emergency meeting at the request of the Mayor to get some COVID-19 money to provide \$1M for rental assistance. This request was passed to help residents that need help with their rent.
- **Trust Fund:** No updates.

Site Visits

- **Opposite 440 Totten Pond Road:** Mr. Donovan reported trees cut down in the lot opposite 440 Totten Pond Road, next to the Chester Brook. He will go out and visit the site and take pictures to be discussed at the next meeting.
- **52 Clark Lane:** Mr. Baker made a site visit to this location at the request of an abutter to ensure that the proper trees were cut down. The trees that were marked with teal ribbons were not cut down, so the job was done correctly. Also, an agreement was made for the ash tree at the location to be watered. Mr. Baker would also like to notify the client on how much water is needed to water this tree on a weekly basis.
- **380 Lexington Street:** The house has been torn down and a majority of the debris has been cleaned up.

New Business

- Mr. Baker presented several pictures of projects that he has been working on at various projects at Mt. Feake Cemetery, the shores of Hardy Pond, the Paine Estate, the Piety Corner Club, Cedarwood Playground, and the Lyman Estate.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.