



**Waltham Conservation Commission
January 19, 2017
Meeting Minutes**

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

Attendees: Chairman Bill Doyle, Vice Chairman Philip Moser, Brad Baker, Gerard Dufromont, Tali Gill-Austern

Absent: Mike Donovan

Public Hearing (Continued from 1-5-2017)

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 316-0721 Comments: MassDEP is concerned about the proximity of the pool to the wetland. An alternative would be moving the pool to where the patio is or down-sizing the pool to move it away from the wetland. Drainage from the pool would not be allowed into the conservation area.)

Applicant: Keith Manning

Property Location: 20 Lauricella Lane

Project Description: Construction of an in-ground pool, permeable paver patio, landscaping and grading within an existing cleared lawn area.

Scott Henderson, Henderson Consulting, represented the applicant. He stated that he still hasn't received a response from DEP since they submitted the material to them four weeks ago. He noted that he has updated the plans re: roof infiltration to show how the gutters and downspouts will be routed through two chambers dedicated to collecting roof runoff. Mr. Henderson also submitted a water-management plan showing how the chlorinated water is to be treated. It is a combination of a cartridge filter and an ozone and UV filtration unit which is used in lieu of chlorine. In the winter, the water will be collected and disposed of offsite.

Mr. Baker asked if the dead tree on site has been removed yet. Mr. Henderson replied that it hasn't, but it is listed in the proposal to be removed.

Mr. Henderson noted that on the original plan for the development of the property, there is a Conservation Restriction. Neither he nor Gary Bogue from DEP can find any documentation that this has been filed with the Registry of Deeds or the City of Waltham.

Mr. Doyle opened up comments from the public. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Gill-Austern to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. **Motion passed.**

Motion made by Mr. Gill-Austern to issue a positive Order of Conditions with the commission's standard conditions and the following special conditions: 1) A percolation test will be performed as part of the test pit to confirm the design of the infiltration and update the design if the percolation test does not produce the assumed results; 2) A snow fence will be installed along the entire perimeter of the restriction line and that line will be inspected prior to the commencement of work. No construction shall occur or shall influence earth or material beyond the snow fence. Motion seconded by Mr. Dufromont. **Motion passed.**

Public Meeting

Request for Certificate of Compliance: DEP File # 316-0689

Applicant: Robert Farrington/Windsor Village at Waltham Co.

Property Location: 976 Lexington Street

Joe Porter, VTP Associates, represented the applicant. The asphalt and concrete work were completed last summer. They installed three stormceptors on the outfalls before going out to Hardy Pond. They changed the position of the stormceptors a bit from the original plan. They didn't want to work on the downhill bank, therefore they installed the stormceptors in the parking areas. It will be easier to maintain and clean out.

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Mr. Baker stated that he was out to look at the property. He noted that there was a lot of sand along the curb near Hardy Pond. Mr. Porter replied that the reason for the curb and the stormceptors along the Hardy Pond edge is to capture the erosion and sand from reaching the pond. Mr. Baker suggested they clean up the sand. Mr. Moser stated that since the street was slightly widened, there was a stormwater infiltration system that was going to take the water from the additional impervious area and soak it back into the ground. Mr. Porter replied that they did install infiltration systems and they are noted on the plans.

A site visit has been scheduled for Monday, Jan. 30th at 8:00 a.m.

Motion made by Mr. Moser to continue to the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Gill-Austern. **Motion passed.**

Informal Discussion

- Railroad Trestle Bridge Project

Mary Trudeau stated that she came before the commission in November because she had trouble getting in touch with Dan Driscoll from DCR about finalizing the landscape plan. They put in twenty-five shrubs on one side of the river and nine on the other. They would like to plant some trees and they want to get his approval. She sent a sketch plan to Mr. Driscoll but hasn't heard back from him. Mr. Doyle received a text from Mr. Driscoll on Jan. 17th stating he's "happy to meet to help finalize the planting plan". Ms. Trudeau had proposed planting two sycamore trees but when she went to purchase them, it was suggested she substitute with London Plane trees. It's a hybrid of the sycamore, but it is resistant to a bacteria that sycamores tend to get. The property is going to change hands in the near future and the current owner would like to have as much completed as possible beforehand. Ms. Trudeau would like to plant the two trees within the next week or two. Mr. Baker would like to see the proposed London Plane trees replaced with three smaller trees. Mr. Doyle is fine with the trees being planted next week. He noted that if Mr. Driscoll had any major concerns with the planting plan, they would have been expressed by now. Ms. Trudeau will write up a narrative and take pictures of the trees that they end up planting and forward everything to the commission.

Commission Business

- Approval of meeting minutes from 1-5-2017 were tabled until the next meeting. Motion made by Mr. Dufromont, seconded by Mr. Moser. **Motion passed.**
- Order of Conditions Revision: Tabled until the next meeting.
- Review of Project Closeouts: Mr. Moser would like the commission to assign a project manager to filings as their hearings are closed out and an Order of Conditions is issued. He suggested that the commission review the spreadsheet at the next meeting and have members choose which projects they are familiar with and would like to take on as project manager. Mr. Doyle agreed to be project manager for 20 Lauricella Lane.

Old Business

Mr. Doyle

- No updates

Mr. Baker

- No updates

Mr. Dufromont

- No updates

Mr. Gill-Austern

- No updates

Mr. Gill-Austern asked if the commission can schedule a site visit before a meeting for those applicants requesting a Certificate of Compliance, so they don't have to attend meetings twice. Mr. Doyle requested that Julie look up the standard procedure for this. Mr. Gill-Austern suggested that Julie ask the applicant for three available dates/times at least ten days out and she will contact the commission to see who is available for a site visit.

Mr. Moser

- No updates

Committee Reports

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

Site visit reports

- **Carolina Court snow dumping:** Mr. Moser noticed recently that a week after all of the snow had melted, there was a giant pile of snow that was intentionally plowed from the condominium's parking lot and dumped over the guardrail and down the riverbank. A letter will be sent to the condominium association asking them to not place their snow there in the future.

Correspondence

- **UMASS Periodic Review:** An environmental 5-year periodic review report re: 225 - 227 Beaver Street was sent to various departments in the city, including Conservation.
- **MACC Annual Environmental Conference:** Conservation Commission members are invited to attend this conference being held on March 4, 2017 at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Moser, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. **Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.