



**Waltham Conservation Commission
February 16, 2017
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Attendees: Chairman Bill Doyle, Brad Baker, Mike Donovan, Gerard Dufromont

Absent: Tali Gill-Austern, Vice Chairman Philip Moser

295 Totten Pond Road: The City of Waltham requested the commission approve an Emergency Certification to repair/replace a 16" water main that failed on Friday. Mr. Donovan has driven past the site and noted that gravel has been placed over the area and cones are along the side. It has been patched temporarily, but the site has been secured. Motion made by Mr. Donovan to issue an emergency certification, seconded by Mr. Baker. **Motion passed.**

Public Meeting (Continued from 2-2-2017)

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

Applicant: Robert Farrington/Windsor Village at Waltham Co.

Property Location: 976 Lexington Street

Motion made by Mr. Baker to continue to the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. **Motion passed.**

Public Hearing (Continued from 2-2-2017)

Notice of Intent (DEP File # 316-0723)

Applicant: Colbea Enterprises, LLC c/o Ayoub Engineering, Inc.

Property Location: 225 Waverley Oaks Road

Project Description: Demolition of existing gas station and construction of a new convenience shop, pump islands, canopy and stormwater structures.

Mr. Doyle noted that there was a site visit since the last meeting and the commission had some comments at the meeting. The applicant has requested a continuance until they can get the comments incorporated into the plan.

Motion made by Mr. Baker to continue to the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. **Motion passed.**

Public Meeting

Request for Certificate of Compliance: DEP File # 316-0714

Applicant: Massachusetts Medical Society

Property Location: 860 Winter Street

Motion made by Mr. Baker to continue to the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Donovan. **Motion passed.**

Public Meeting

Request for Certificate of Compliance: DEP File # 316-0697

Applicant: SMC Trust

Property Location: 154 (BEF) River Street

Motion made by Mr. Baker to continue to the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. **Motion passed.**

Approved 3-2-2017

Commission Business

- Motion made by Mr. Dufromont to approve the meeting minutes from 2-2-2017, seconded by Mr. Donovan. **Motion passed.**
- **Order of Conditions Revision:** Tabled until the 3-2-2017 meeting.
- **Review of Project Closeouts:** Motion made by Mr. Dufromont to table this item until the end of the meeting, seconded by Mr. Baker. **Motion passed.**

Correspondence

- **Waltham Land Trust:** Sonja Wadman has requested to add to the WLT's brochure the trail that leads from Paine Estate to Trapelo Road. Mr. Dufromont would like the commission to see the design of it before they approve it. A concern is that Belmont Savings Bank would like to advertise on the brochure. Mr. Dufromont stated that requests like this go through the Paine Estate Trust and they also have to be approved by the mayor. However, the brochure cannot have a name or logo on it. Mr. Dufromont will follow-up with Sonja Wadman and Ann Clifford.

Old Business

Mr. Doyle

- No updates

Mr. Baker

- **Paine Estate trees:** Mr. Baker has been in contact with the tree warden, Kevin Thompson. Mr. Thompson isn't able to help the commission with the spraying of the hemlocks. The commission is going to look back at previous contracts for the work done in the past. Mr. Dufromont asked why the tree warden can't perform the spraying since it is part of the city's budget. Mr. Baker stated that Mr. Thompson wasn't going to do the spraying, he was looking to do the treatments at trunk level, which the commission hasn't approved. Mr. Doyle replied that there is a line item in CPW's budget to treat the trees at Paine Estate. He noted that Mr. Thompson may not be aware of this. Mr. Baker will contact Mike Chiasson, CPW, to ask if it's still in their budget.
- **Tree Identification:** Mr. Baker noted that Mr. Thompson is interested in help from the commission in identifying trees across the city. He and Mr. Thompson are going to look into how to help as well as keep the street trees healthy. Mr. Doyle noted that he has worked with Greg Carbone at Bartlett Tree Service in the past. Mr. Carbone was offering a good deal to do tagging of the trees.
- **Meadowscaping:** Mr. Baker has two plots where he will be doing some seeding or planting of insect attractors. He mentioned to Mr. Thompson that he has three or four sites identified where they may be able to begin a nursery for city trees and he will be in touch re: that.

Mr. Dufromont

- **Piety Corner Project:** Mr. Dufromont has spoken with Mike Chiasson re: the dead trees that were planted in the fall. The problem that Mr. Chiasson is running into is that the project was done a little differently from the original plans. He is looking to have the plans redrawn.
- **Complaint re: City Trees:** Mr. Dufromont responded to an e-mail sent to the commission from Maria Dios. He mentioned that the area of concern did not fall within the commission's jurisdiction since it's not near a wetland. He referred her to CPW and the tree warden. She replied that she has already contacted them.

Mr. Donovan

- No updates

Committee Reports

- **CPC:** Mr. Dufromont reported that the CPC met last week and approved \$350K for the Charles River Museum. It will cover costs for two handicapped ramps and HVAC to control the air in the museum to preserve the building and its contents. The fund allocation also needs to be approved by City Council and the mayor.
- **Trust Fund:** No updates.

Review of Project Closeouts: A letter and a copy of the Order of Conditions will be sent to the applicants for projects that need to be closed out.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Approved 3-2-2017