



Waltham Conservation Commission
July 17, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Robin Brodsky, Bill Doyle, Gerard Dufromont, and Maureen Fowler
Absent: Daniel Keleher

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Public Meeting

Prospectus Sign Off/ Plan Sign Off:

- Spin the Planet Enterprises Inc. d/b/a 'Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches' and Somerset Waltham LLC- 475 Winter Street: Attorney Joseph Connors represented the applicants. They are opening a restaurant in an existing building. Kitchen space will be added. Mr. Doyle questioned where the grease drum is going to be. Attorney Connor's will find out. No other questions. No impact to wetlands. Mr. Doyle signed the plans.
- 215 Lexington Street. Attorney Phil McCourt represented the applicant. It's a prospectus redo. The ordinance changed, they can store vans and buses and need a special permit. No impact to wetlands. Mr. Doyle signed the plans.

Public Meeting

Request for Determination of Applicability Cont.

Applicant: Boston Properties

Project Location: 1601 Trapelo Road- Map 6 Block 1 Lot 2

Project Type: Repaving of portions of an existing parking area; removing and resetting existing curb; replacing an existing sidewalk and curb, restriping existing parking spaces.

Mr. Domenic Rinaldi from BSC Group represented Boston Properties. It's the parking lot behind reservoir place. Mr. Rinaldi went over the plans. The pavement has deteriorated badly. There are a lot of pot holes. They would like to do a full depth, regrade it to normal grade and then repave. In addition there is an asphalt side walk towards the bldg. that is broken up. There are speed humps that over time plows have hit them and they would like to replace them. There was a site visit on July 9th. Mr. Dave Kaplan from Cambridge Water Department had some requests. They have followed up with Mr. Kaplan and have done and agreed with everything he requested. They went over the drainage plans. They also found out that Boston Properties reuses water for irrigation on site. They will submit a formal O & M plan with street sweeping frequency, snow storage away from catch basins, no use of fertilizer or pesticides without going to commission, BP currently does not use salt. The O & M plan will be recorded with the Registry of Deeds. Mr. Dufromont stated that they have covered everything discussed at the site visit. Mr. Dufromont would like to be notified when the clearing his done so he can come over and take a look. Ms. Fowler questioned if the rain water goes into the first Catch basin and how does the water get into the wetlands area to the west. Mr. Rinaldi stated the wetland to the west doesn't get touched by BP.

Motion to issue a negative determination with the conditions from Mr. Rinaldi's email and supply drainage plan to Cambridge Water Department, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. Ms. Fowler requested that the O & M plan come within two weeks or before the next meeting. **Motion passed.**

Public Meeting

Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: Hobbs Brook Management

Project Location: 610 Lincoln Street, Map 21, Block 1, Lot 2

Project Type: New gravity sewer line

Mr. Jim Moore from HW Moore Associates went over the plans. 610 Lincoln Street has a forced main. They would

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like to construct a sewer line to the west of the building. The only work within the buffer zone is the last 20 feet of the proposed sewer line. They will go about the gas line in a trench across the parking lot. Will use silt sacks and then take them out when done. The new sewer line can't be connected to the new building line because there is an underground detention basin that will block their access and it is only six inches and it will be maxed out. They have applied for a permit with the Engineering Department.

Motion to issue a negative determination made by Ms. Brodsky, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. **Motion Passed.**

Public Meeting

Request for Certificate of Compliance DEP#: 316-0663

Applicant: Waltham Public Schools

Project Location: JF Kennedy Middle School, 655 Lexington Street, Map 33 Block 3 Lot 1

Carolyn Cooney from Carolyn Cooney and Associates represented Waltham Public Schools. The project was finished last fall. The grass cover went through the winter. The field was graded away from the wetlands. They stripped off the old grass that was there and it was seeded. The construction fence was supposed to come down the end of June. There were no site specific conditions on the Order of Conditions. The commission would like to drive by. Item will be put on the next agenda and Ms. Cooney doesn't have to attend. Motion to continue to next meeting made by Ms. Fowler, seconded by Ms. Brodsky. **Motion passed.**

Public Meeting

Informal Discussion

Carolyn Cooney

Re: Project at Prospect Hill Park

They are starting a project to install a toilet, there is one installed at the top of the hill. The logical place is down towards the picnic area. There are a lot of wetlands and an intermittent stream. They are questioning if an RDA would be considered sufficient. They are putting in 500 feet of impervious and two parking spaces, one will be handicap. It is above the threshold for the Engineering Department. They will be requiring them to somehow infiltrate the extra run off. Mr. Doyle questioned why they can't move it up ten feet and then they won't have to come through the commission. Ms. Cooney stated that it's the only flat space. It's called camp 13 and there is a little picnic table there. Mr. Doyle stated they aren't comfortable with an RDA right now. They need better documentation. Mr. Dufromont stated that now is a good time to see if water is coming down. Ms. Cooney stated that they will have South River Environmental looking at stream. She questioned if it was surveyed could they get a better idea. Mr. Dufromont stated that he can probably get out there on Friday and take some pictures. Mr. Doyle informed Ms. Cooney that even if they commission says ok to an RDA, it could be appealed by a neighbor and they would be forced to do an NOI. Ms. Cooney is aware of that. Ms. Fowler stated she is in favor of the rest room but just not in that location. A site visit will held on July 23rd at 4:30pm. Ms. Fowler stated that she heard that the current locations are not being maintained. They will bring it to Sandy's attention.

Commission business:

Motion to approve meeting minutes from 6/26/14 made by Ms. Brodsky, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. **Motion passed.**

Correspondence:

- 1265 Main Street submitted a letter for review. They would like to get some occupancy permits but aren't ready to apply for a certificate of compliance. Mr. Doyle will review the letter.
- Mrs. Fowler has been contacted by Waltham Land Trust. They are trying to make new maps for Stonehurst. Mr. Dufromont stated he has been approached and has spoken to Ann Clifford. He approached the Mayor this week. He has a meeting with Catherine Cagle and Sandy Tomasello per the Mayor to sit down with both of them. He has recommended that the city be all the same markings. Either color code or continuous signage. He has to come up with two or three designs. Sandy is going to bring what she has from Prospect Hill. The Mayor had a couple ideas. They will come back with a plan and bring it back to the Commission. Ann Clifford won't be part of it in the beginning. Ms. Fowler stated that Dave Kehs is a nice map maker. Mr. Dufromont stated he can't be in the meeting. Mr. Doyle questioned if this was a Concom initiative, Mr. Dufromont answered yes, that he was assigned to work on it but got side tracked. He will come back to the board with the ideas. Ms. Brodsky thinks that it should be discussed before going to the Mayor. Mr. Dufromont stated they have to get approval for the signs first. Ms. Fowler stated that if they do color coding it will be difficult for people who are color blind. The names will be left on the signs and the Mayor would like the city emblem on them. Historical needs to be included at some point. Mr. Dufromont stated that if they change the names, they have to go to city council. Mr. Dufromont will meet with Catherine and Sandy next

week.

- Ms. Brodsky brought up the Wyman Street flooding. Ms. Fowler went by and the water went where it was before. Mr. Dufromont will go down to Wyman Street and take photos. Mr. Doyle discussed water coming up from the sidewalk on Lexington Street next to the public storage bldg. Right now it is not in their jurisdiction but will be if it goes into Lexington Street.

Old Business:

- Mrs. Fowler- Would like signage added to her list.
- Mr. Dufromont- No updates
- Mr. Doyle- No updates
- Ms. Brodsky- No Updates

New Business:

- There was a discussion about site visits and how they will be scheduled in the future. Site visits will be scheduled at meetings with everyone present. Orders of Conditions will be attached to the email. Two members have to attend.
- Mrs. Fowler received an email from a neighbor on Robert Treat Paine Drive. They have mulched the bushes. The issue went to the Law Department. Will request a follow up.
- **Committee reports:**
 - **CPC:** Meetings have been cancelled until further notice. If something comes up with the Fernald School, they will have a meeting at that time. Arrigo Farm has taken its course.
 - **Trust Fund:** Mr. Dufromont had a meeting with the Mayor and went over the two trust funds. He thinks they can cover part of the signage from one of the accounts. He will see what comes out of the meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Brodsky, seconded by Mrs. Fowler. **Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.