



**Waltham Conservation Commission  
July 20, 2017  
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

**Absent:** None

**Public Meeting** (Continued from 6-22-2017)

**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. Gill-Austern to continue until the next meeting. Discussion of the motion: Mr. Moser noted that the erosion controls along the Chesterbrook are still in disarray. There are signs of recent erosion of bark, mulch and dirt into the stream. Mr. Moser will draft a violation letter for the chairman's review. Motion seconded by Mr. Dufromont.

**Motion passed.**

**Public Meeting** (Continued from 6-22-2017)

**Request for Determination of Applicability**

**Applicant:** Helen Spillert

**Property Location:** 56 Mallard Way

**Project Description:** Removal of tree.

Applicant's representative, Alan Spillert, was unable to attend the meeting this evening. The commission made suggestions at the site visit. Mr. Spillert will be speaking with his tree company to decide which option to take. Motion made by Mr. Moser to continue until the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Gill-Austern. **Motion passed.**

**Public Meeting**

**Request for Certificate of Compliance** (DEP File # 316-0726)

**Applicant:** Robert Kaitz, K & D Homes LLC

**Property Location:** 372-378 River Street

Bob Bibbo, Bibbo Brothers, represented the applicant. He noted there was a site view yesterday with the commission. The project has been completed. Mr. Moser noted that the work done appeared to be in compliance with the plans. Motion made by Mr. Moser to issue a Certificate of Compliance, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. **Motion passed.**

**Informal Discussion**

- Paine Estate Eagle Scout Project

Representative did not appear.

Approved 8-17-2017

## **Public Hearing**

**Notice of Intent** (DEP File # 316-0728)

**Applicant:** Abad Surichaqui

**Property Location:** 1106 Trapelo Road

**Project Description:** Extend dining area.

Pery Huam represented the applicant. They are planning to add 203 sq. feet of dining area to the house. They did a survey with Bibbo Brothers and they submitted plans for the construction. Mr. Moser requested a site visit. He would like to look at the drainage calculations or if a drywell is being provided. Mr. Huam replied that there will be a drywell and it's indicated in the plan. Mr. Moser stated that the commission contacted the property owner about a year ago about the parking area in the backyard. It appeared that a number of trees within the riverfront area had been taken down, and a gravel parking area was constructed and some fill added. He asked for the status of that and if this project will address it. Mr. Huam replied that they leveled the top of the hill. It's all solid rock. When the two trees fell due to the high wind, it completely destroyed the back deck. They decided to remove the deck and level the ground. Now there is grass planted with a playing area for the kids. Mr. Dufromont asked how far they are from the water. Mr. Moser stated that they are in the outer 100' buffer. A site visit has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m.

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

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

## **Public Hearing**

**Notice of Intent** (DEP File # 316-0729)

**Applicant:** Sunny Patel

**Property Location:** 148 Lakeview Avenue

**Project Description:** Demolish existing house and add a new two-story house on existing foundation.

Ketan Patel and Sunny Patel appeared before the commission. The property is within 100' of Hardy Pond. They filed permits in regards to stormwater management with I & I with the City of Waltham and submitted the plans to the Building Department. Their contractors advised them of preventative measures: silt fencing and wattles along the perimeter closest to the pond. It was noted that the road is not paved which is a helping factor in that it isn't a surface that will wash to the pond. Mr. Dufromont asked about water recovery on the house along the land. Mr. Patel replied that he will forward to the commission the plans for a new underwater stormwater management system. Mr. Moser asked if the driveway will remain the same size and it will. Mr. Doyle asked if they get water in the basement. Mr. Patel replied that the person who built the home tried to put in a French drain, but there is some leaking of water. There is also a sump pump.

There were no comments from the public. A site visit has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.

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

## **Public Meeting**

**Request for Certificate of Compliance** (DEP File # 316-0714)

**Applicant:** MMS Winter Street, LLC and MMS Lot 2, LLC (Massachusetts Medical Society)

**Property Location:** 860 Winter Street

Mr. Dufromont stated that the applicant asked for the commission to make a site visit which he was able to do. He noted that the parking lot was done exactly as planned. There is a garden to the right and a playground to the left. The stairway is leading down to the next level. They put in the trees and bushes. Mr. Moser recused himself due to a potential conflict of interest due to his employer and some co-workers working on other projects at this site.

Motion made by Mr. Dufromont to issue a Certificate of Compliance, seconded by Mr. Gill-Austern. **Motion passed.**

Mr. Moser returned to the meeting.

## **Commission Business**

- Motion made by Mr. Gill-Austern to approve the meeting minutes from 6-22-2017, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. **Motion passed.**
- Order of Conditions Revision: Continued until the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Approved 8-17-2017

## Correspondence

- **Trapelo Road diesel spill:** Julie will follow up with Dave Kaplan and Jamie O'Connell from Cambridge Water Department.

## Old Business

### Mr. Doyle

- No update

### Mr. Baker

- **Meadowscaping:** Mr. Baker stated that he and the Meadowscaping for Biodiversity group covered the poison ivy with tarps at Stonehurst. There is a water tank that will be filled up by the fire department to help water things. The tarps will remain in place for three weeks, which by then should kill the poison ivy. The tarps can then be moved to the area where the black swallow wart is. Mr. Doyle requested that a sign be posted stating why the tarp is there.

### Mr. Dufromont

- No update

### Mr. Gill-Austern

- No update

### Mr. Moser

- **Lazzero Playground:** Mr. Moser stated that the Order of Conditions required that the invasives be managed for two years after the project, but it appears no management was ever attempted. The order is still open. The commission contacted the director of the Rec. Dept. at the time who was going to contact CPW, however she has since retired. Mr. Moser met with the new director, Nick Abruzzi, who is going to start having the maintenance staff cut the Japanese knotweed in a trial area whenever maintenance staff are on site to see if it helps recede it. He is also going to talk with CPW and a company that specializes in invasive weed management with herbicides to see if there is something they can recommend in the event the first approach doesn't work. Mr. Baker asked if there will be an additional two years of maintenance. Mr. Moser feels it should be a two-year period of management from when they actually start physically managing it. Mr. Baker asked if the knotweed is controlled, what can that space be used for. Mr. Moser suggested any type of native plants could be planted. Mr. Moser told Mr. Abruzzi that the invasives cannot be used for compost. If they remove it from the site, it must be incinerated.

### Mr. Donovan

- **Totten Pond Road:** Mr. Donovan noted that the work has been completed. They now need to come to the commission with a Notice of Intent since the city submitted two Emergency Certification requests since February. Julie will follow-up with engineer Ian McKenzie on Monday (cc: Steve Casazza and Mike Chiasson). Mr. Donovan stated that they did a good job. They reseeded the area and removed the construction cones.

## Committee Reports

- **CPC:** No update
- **Trust Fund:** Mr. Dufromont is still waiting to hear back from City Council re: what can be done with the funds.

## Site visit reports

- Mr. Dufromont received a complaint re: Bentley University's maintenance department. They had a previous problem of them putting hardtop, grass clippings, trees, granite and dirt from the construction site by the water and are doing it again. Mr. Dufromont gave them until next Wednesday to clean it up and haul it away from the water.

Motion made by Mr. Gill-Austern to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dufromont. **Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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