

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Belmont Conservation Commission**  
**September 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**7:00 pm**

**RECEIVED**  
**TOWN CLERK**  
**BELMONT, MA**

DATE: December 14, 2022  
TIME: 9:03 AM

**Attendees:**

Members: Miriam Weil; Dan Nolan; Chris Morris; Mark Smith

Others: Mary Trudeau; Anna Richardson; Lisa Palmer; Will Sutton; Sophia Kim; Jeff Drucker; Kelly Cardoza (Avalon Consulting); Paul McManus (ECO TECH)

**Call to Order:**

The Meeting was Called to Order at 7:06 pm by Christopher Morris

**Discussion: Running Events at Rock Meadow**

Mary Trudeau presented a tentative calendar of running events at Rock Meadow for the fall of 2022. Noting that Belmont High School is now requesting the use of Rock Meadow as a home X-Country course, the potential users now include: Belmont Hill School; Belmont High School; Harvard Running Club; and the Western Greenway running club. The total number of events includes (5) events staged from Rock Meadow, and the use of portions of the trails by the Western Greenway group. The events span a variety of dates, both weekday and weekend, events.

The Commission noted that the increase in running event dates reflected increased use on weekdays, relieving some of the pressure on weekend use of the meadow.

Based on a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission

**VOTED** to approve the use of Rock Meadow for XCountry running events by the Belmont High School XCountry team; the Belmont Hill School XCountry team; the Harvard Running Club; and the use of various trails by the Western Greenway running event.

**Request for Determination of Applicability: 210 Clifton Street**

The Request for Determination of Applicability proposed the relocation of the electrical service from poles, to a buried conduit to be set within the shoulder of the existing driveway. The current line services both 200 and 210 Clifton Street, and the modified connection will allow for elimination of overhead lines and separate services for each home. The Commission noted that spoils should be set on the upside of the trench, during excavation, and that straw wattles should be set between the trenching and the isolated vegetated wetland on the 210 Clifton Street

property. The Commission also requesting that the poles be left in place, until a plan for removal was submitted to the Conservation Commission.

Based on a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission

**VOTED** to issue a Negative (2)(b) Determination of Applicability (with conditions) allowing the work to proceed. The conditions include the Belmont Conservation Commission's general conditions for a Determination of Applicability, as well as conditions requiring spoil management; erosion controls; and the elimination of pole removal under this permit.

### **Continued Public Meeting: Request for Determination of Applicability for 350 Prospect Street**

The Commission noted that a site visit had allowed the Commission to view, and approve, the wetland flags placed in the field to delineate the wetland resource areas shown on the submitted plan. Mary Trudeau noted that the LEC flags had been previously viewed, and approved, and that she was in full agreement with the location of the ECO TECH flags.

Based on a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission

**VOTED** to approve the proposed delineation and issue a Positive (2) (a) Determination of resource area delineation.

### **Discussion: CPA Proposal for 2023 Round of Funding**

The Commission discussed potential projects for submission to the CPA Committee for funding in the 2023 round of grants. The Commission reviewed prior grants, noting that there has never been a land purchase, in Belmont, funded by the CPA. In the past, a preliminary application had been withdrawn after proposing a Conservation Land Banking Account to the CPA. This type of fund would allow the Commission to do preliminary due diligence and research, prior to Town Meeting review of any land purchases. Mary Trudeau agreed to draft a similar proposal for submission in this round of grants.

### **Notice of Intent Public Hearing: Belmont Country Club**

Kelly Cardoza, of Avalon Consulting, represented a Notice of Intent application filed by the Belmont Country Club for work within jurisdictional areas on several bunkers on the golf course. Kelly noted that bunkers require periodic maintenance, and that an earlier Request for Determination of Applicability for work on the BCC course incompletely described the work required to rehabilitate and relocate bunkers. Kelly noted that in the current filing, the flood plain elevations reflect changes in the FEMA mapping, from elevation 171.3 to 172.2.

While the bunker work alters the shape of several bunkers, the overall result of the proposed work is the creation of an additional 225 cubic feet of flood storage at elevation 172. This net increase reflects increased flood storage at the sixth bunker, and a loss of flood storage in the multiple bunkers on the ninth hole.

Kelly noted that the Belmont Country Club has already purchased the sod required to restore the surface of the course, impacted by the proposed work. She noted that the new grasses employed by the Club require less water, are more disease resistant and are considered "cool season

grasses". She noted that erosion controls are installed at the perimeter of work areas, and removed as sod is installed.

The Commission asked whether the Club will be submitting a Notice of Intent for other upcoming work on the course. Kelly noted that there is a planned submission, and that the wetlands delineations on the course are being updated, and new topography being prepared for the submission.

Based on a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission

**VOTED** to issue a Determination of Applicability with a Negative (1) and Negative (2) finding.

Based on a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission

**VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm