

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Belmont Conservation Commission**  
**June 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**7:00 pm**

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

DATE: July 27, 2022  
TIME: 3:01 PM

**Attendees:**

Members: Jim Roth (Chairperson); Jeff North (Vice Chairperson); Christopher Morris; Margaret Velie; Prassede Velle; Miriam Weil; Dan Nolan

Others: Franklin Tucker; Stephanie Schechter; Carolyn Bishop; Peter Reed; Jed Sheehan; Hanna Conlon; Chris Naylor; Diana Walden; Glenn Clancy; Bob Winn; Brian Timm; Jeffrey Jones; Jo Fruman

**Call to Order:**

The Meeting was Called to Order at 7:06 pm by Chair Jim Roth.

**Review of Minutes:** The Commission postponed a view of the May 24, 2022 minutes until the June meeting of the Commission.

**Discussion: Improvements to Parking Lot at Rock Meadow**

Mary Trudeau reported that Frank French had recently made improvements to the parking surface at the Rock Meadow lot. Jeff North and other Commission members noted the improvements had made a discernable, positive change in the conditions.

**Public Hearing for Notice of Intent: 45 Larch Circle (106-0152)**

Jed Sheehan, Christopher Naylor and Stephanie Schechter, presented a proposal for a two story addition to an existing home. The work includes replacement of the existing deck. Work is within one hundred feet of wetland resource areas, and will not alter any wetlands. Christopher Naylor reviewed the proposed storm water management system, consisting of a subsurface infiltration system tied to roof leaders and the storm water gutters. Mr Naylor noted that an O/M plan had been included in the filing, and noted that erosion controls would be used as mitigation during the construction of the new addition.

Based on a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission

**VOTED** to close the public hearing and issue an Order of Conditions for the work proposed. The project will incorporate the Commission's standard Conditions.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Hearing for Notice of Intent: Trapelo Road Stream Culvert Replacement (106-153)**

Peter Read and Diana Walden, of the BSC Group, represented the Town of Belmont and the City of Waltham's proposal to replace the Beaver Brook stream crossing at Trapelo Road. Supporters of the project, including Glenn Clancy of the Belmont Office of Community Development, and Bob Winn, the City Engineer in Waltham, were also present for the hearing as project proponents.

Diana Walden presented the project, noting that the work maintains the existing culvert sizing. The new culvert will alter approximately 15 square feet of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, with temporary alterations possible at the wingwalls during construction. Work will require a temporary bypass of the stream flows, and the NOI proposes the use of a 42 inch diversion pipe. Work is anticipated to begin in the Fall of 2022, and should take approximately three months to substantially complete. Work in the Spring of 2023 is anticipated to include restorative planting and soil stabilization.

Chris Morris questioned Glenn Clancy and Bob Winn about maintenance and upkeep of the new culvert, noting that he was looking for a "long term commitment" towards maintenance of the improved stream passage and environs. Glenn Clancy noted that maintenance is generally the responsibility of the Department of Public Works, in Belmont.

Based on a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission

**VOTED** to close the public hearing, and issue an Order of Conditions regulating the work as proposed.

### **Public Hearing for Notice of Intent Application: 155 Somerset Road (106-154)**

Brian Timm and Jeffrey Jones, representing Jo Fruman (the homeowner), presented a Notice of Intent application to rehabilitate and improve an existing storm water management system on the 155 Somerset Road property. Mr. Timm reviewed the existing storm water management system for the Commission, noting that the system appears to have failed in several significant ways in recent years. The system was designed to take storm water flows from roof leaders; yard areas; and excess discharges from an off site wetland. The system apparently included drainage structures with grated apertures; an infiltration system; and possibly an overflow to the Town storm water management system. The recent failure of both drainage lines and the infiltration field have damaged and silted on site and off site areas; resulted in damage to existing vegetation; and created flooding (after storm events) at the edge of the home. Mr. Timm noted that the applicant had attempted to view the system with a camera system, but that passage of the camera was halted by sediment or damaged drain line. The proposed improvements are designed to tie the system into the Town stormwater system, through a line connected to either an existing drainage structure or drain line in Somerset Street.

Christopher Morris expressed concern with the lack of specifics in, both, the existing conditions and proposed design. Mr. Timm noted that the applicant is hoping to recreate the former system, restoring function, without a specific plan. He noted that it is difficult to know what components compose the system without digging up the yard areas.

The Commission reviewed the drainage improvements, and noted that a site visit to view the actual conditions would be helpful. The Commission agreed to meet the applicant's engineers on

June 23, 2022 at the site, and to continue the public hearing until the next meeting of the Commission.

**Public Meeting for Notice of Intent Application: 49 Robinwood Road (106-151 )**

At the request of the applicant, the Commission

**VOTED** to continue the public hearing process until the next scheduled meeting of the Commission.

**Additional Discussions:**

There were no additional subjects discussed, with the exception of potential dates for upcoming meetings.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission

**VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:15 pm