

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Belmont Conservation Commission**  
**April 19, 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 (Chairman); Jeff North (Vice Chairman); Dan Nolan; Margaret Velie;;  
Miriam Weil

Others: Carolyn Bishop; Hannah Miller; Jane Atkins; Mandy Minichiello; Mark Haley; Andrew  
Coleman

**Call to Order:**

The Meeting was Called to Order at 7:06 pm by Vice Chair Jeffrey North, followed by the immediate arrival of Chairman Jim Roth, who took over the meeting at 7:07.

**Review of Minutes:** The Commission reviewed the minutes of the March 24, 2022 meeting. Based on a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission

**VOTED** to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2022 meeting

The motion was unanimous to approve the minutes.

**Discussion: Certificate of Compliance request for 275 Marsh Street (106-146)**

Hannah Miller and Jane Atkins, of HERhomes, LLC, noted that while they had filed for a Certificate of Compliance for the project, the new owner of the property had requested to be allowed to amend the Order of Conditions prior to the closing of the file. The new owner would like to install a playset, within the current limit of work line. Mary Trudeau noted that there were a few stabilization and erosion issues requiring attention prior to consideration of the Certificate of Compliance. The Commission agreed to postpone a decision on the Certificate of Compliance, to allow the new home owner to submit an amendment to the Order of Conditions, and to allow the applicant to complete the stabilization of the yard areas.

**Discussion: Bee Keeping Permits for 2022 and discussion of herbicide application in Rock Meadow**

Mandy Minichiello, the de facto head of the bee keepers, presented a brief reporting of the successes and tribulations of the 2021 bee keeping season. Mandy noted that most hives were successful, and that the increase in hives did not appear to have impacted the viability of the meadow to host an increasing number of bee boxes. She noted that the following requests for hives are submitted for the 2022 season:

Phillip White – (8) hives  
Brian Fitzgibbons and Caitlin Duennebier – (6) hives  
Jennifer Teall – (3) hives  
Suzanne Mercury and Sadie Forbes – (4) hives  
Sissy Lui – (1-2) hives  
Mandy Minichiello – (4-5) hives

The Commission introduced Mandy to Chris Polatin, of Land Stewardship, Inc. Chris has a contract with the Conservation Commission to treat non native and invasive plant species at Rock Meadow, portions of the treatment areas are in proximity to several of the hives. Chris noted that while some removal work is manual (pulling and cutting) the chemical application will need to be a foliar spray, partly due to the rapidly expanding stands of Black Swallowwort in the North Meadow. Mandy, Dan Nolan (representing the Belmont Conservation Commission) and Chris agreed to discuss the implications of the herbicide application off line and to report back to the Commission.

Based on a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission

**VOTED** to issue bee keeper permits to the (6) beekeepers, noted above, for the 2022 season.

#### **Public Meeting for Request for Determination of Applicability: Belmont Country Club**

Mark Haley, representing the Country Club, presented the proposal for greens and bunker reconstruction at holes (5) and (15). He noted that the Club is in the process of rehabilitating the course, and additional work will be proposed in an upcoming Notice of Intent filing. Chris Morris questioned the segmentation of the project from the larger project, and Mark Haley noted that this particular project requires timing to meet sod harvesting deadlines.

Mr. Haley briefly described the current bunker rehabilitation, and greens work, and then at the request of the Commission, reviewed the scope of the upcoming Notice of Intent. Ultimately, the goal of the Club is to restore all of the holes and bunkers on the golf course, allowing play to continue during construction. This will be done by phasing work to include only 2-3 holes at any one time.

Based on a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission

**VOTED** to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability for the work proposed at holes (5) and (15) at the Belmont Country Club. The Commission noted that the Determination will have the standard conditions of construction.

There was one abstention.

#### **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:**

Vince Stanton, a local resident, revisited unsanctioned activities currently ongoing at Royal Road. Noting that local youths appear to be creating off road paths and recreational facilities out of lumber and debris, he asked that the Commission comment on the activities. The Commission note that the Commission does not have the ability to remove materials from the site, and that the DPW is better suited for that task. The Commission advised Mr. Stanton to contact the Selectman's office and ask for guidance.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission

**VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:54 pm