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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Belmont Conservation Commission**  
**June 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes**  
**Room 1, Town Hall**  
**7:00 pm**

**Attendees:**

Members: Jim Roth (Chairman); Charles Chiang; Christopher Morris; Margaret Velie; Miriam Weil; Jeff North

Others: Mary Trudeau; Erik Rhodin; Dan Nolan (Associate Member); Deepak Kothavade; Sharda Kothavade

**7:15 Review of Minutes of May 15, 2018 meeting**

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the May 15, 2018 meeting. The minutes were amended to include a vote taken on the CPA Committee representation.

**Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the vote was to approve the minutes as amended.**

**7:30 Continued Public Hearing: Notice of Intent for removal of trees at 7 Oakmont Lane, Belmont**

Rich Kirby was in attendance as were the homeowners, Deepak and Sharda Kothavade. Erik Rhodin, proponent of the subdivision, was also present. As discussed at the April meeting of the Commission, the Notice of Intent proposed the cutting of live, damaged and dead trees from within a wetland resource area. Discussions have included the current condition of the site, and apparent violations of the original Order of Conditions regulating the project.

The Commission discussed the condition of the site, as noted on April 23, 2018 and in subsequent site visits by the Agent, Mary Trudeau. The Commission had at earlier meetings found several violations of the Order of Conditions, including unstabilized stockpiles of earth materials located in close proximity to wetlands, and excess amounts of soil stockpiled on the site. During this discussion, Mary Trudeau noted that at her most recent site inspection, the contractor had begun to remedy the situation, but that work had not brought the site into full compliance.

To resolve the compliance issues, and allow for the issuance of an Order of Conditions for the tree work, Mary Trudeau requested that a stone access apron be constructed along the frontage of the lot; that excess soils be hauled off the property; that spoils along the

edge of the wetland be re worked; and that the drainage structures in the roadway be cleaned and new liners installed. The Kothavades agreed to make these improvements the following day, and call Mary Trudeau for an inspection. Approval by Ms. Trudeau will allow for her to release the Order of Conditions and allow additional site work to occur.

The Commission also requested that the applicant post a bond in the amount of eight thousand dollars to cover the cost of the replacement plants required as mitigation for the proposed tree cutting within jurisdictional areas. Mary Trudeau reminded the applicants that a minimum of 1.5 inch dbh trees will be required.

**Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission**

**Voted** to close the public hearing and issue an Order of Conditions for the work on the property, as soon as the compliance issues were addressed and conditions approved by Mary Trudeau.

There was one abstention.

**8:20 Rock Meadow**

The Commission discussed the recent removal of the nesting boxes at Rock Meadow, noting that Joe Finn has apparently ceased the operations of the Bluebird nesting project. Mary Trudeau noted that the brush hog mower is reaching the end of its lifespan, and that repairs are starting to mount. She noted that she continues to repair the machine, but anticipates the need for a new mower in upcoming seasons.

**8:40 Conway School Master Plan**

The Commission discussed the progress made on the Master Plan, noting that the presentation at the Conway School of the plan was very impressive and comprehensive. Jeff North noted that the final product would be available soon, and that he was pleased with the results and work done by the students.

**Adjourn**

**Upon a motion, and a second, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm, the meeting was adjourned.**