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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Belmont Conservation Commission**  
**October 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes**  
**Room 2, Town Hall**  
**7:00 pm**

**Attendees:**

Members: Jim Roth (Chairman); Charles Chiang; Jeff North; Margaret Velie

Others: Mary Trudeau; Dan Nolan, Joan Teebagy, John Diekmann, Catherine Stahlberg, Ken Stahlberg, Aynovic Vigneras

The Meeting was convened at 7 pm.

Based on a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission

**VOTED** to approve the Minutes of the June 5, 2018 meeting of the Commission

Based on a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission

**VOTED** to approve the Minutes of the September 11, 2018 meeting of the Commission

**7:15 Waltham Land Trust Greenway 5K Race through Rock Meadow on October 28, 2018**

As in past years, the Waltham Land Trust is sponsoring a running event, incorporating portions of the trails within Rock Meadow. This year, John Diekmann, representing the Land Trust, requested permission to use the trails on Sunday, October 28, 2018 between the hours of 11 am and 2 pm. He noted that signage would be installed and removed the day of the race, and that start and stopping stations would not be set at Rock Meadow. Any trash generated will be taken off site for disposal.

Based on a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission

**VOTED** to approve the use of the trails within Rock Meadow by the Waltham Land Trust Greenway 5K runners on October 28, 2018

**7:25 Grazing Pilot Report by Joan Teebagy**

Joan Teebagy reported that the grazing project consisted of five (5) lambs this past summer, and that grass was plentiful due to the rainy summer weather. She noted that the grazing was uneventful, with little to report. Catherine Stahlberg and her husband, Ken Stahlberg, noted that they believe the grazing of sheep is a private enterprise, taking place

on public lands. They noted that they did not find the fencing attractive, and that sheep have the potential to damage the grasses.

**7:30 665 Concord Avenue: Request for Determination of Applicability**

Ayneroc Vigneras, owner of 665 Concord Avenue, represented the RFD application to the Conservation Commission. The work included in the filing consisted of a storm water management system, with infiltration chambers, to control discharges from an existing sump pump on the property. Wetlands are located to the south, on land of others. No portion of the work was within 50 feet of the Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

Based on a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission

VOTED to issue a Negative (3) Determination of Applicability for the proposed work.

Charles Chiang left the meeting at 8 pm

**8:00 Joe Finn: Mowing at Rock Meadow Discussion**

Joe Finn reviewed his land management strategies employed at Rock Meadow. He noted that additional signage was needed, if the Commission wanted to keep walkers and dogs on the paths. He noted that dogs running freely through the meadow continues to be a problem. Joe also had some comments on the annual mowing, noting that this can contribute to the spread of invasive and non native plants.

**8:45 CPA Requests for 2018-2019 Funding**

The Commission discussed the submission of requests for funds to restore native plant communities at, both, Rock Meadow and Clay Pit Pond. Mary Trudeau noted that she has asked Chris Polatin to prepare cost estimates for the work required to restore native plants through the eradication and control of non native invasives. Dan Nolan questioned the use of glyphosate at Rock Meadow, noting that it is a known carcinogen. He agreed to send the members of the Commission some information he had gathered on herbicide application and impacts to the community.

Noting that Jeff North was not present at the discussion, the Commission agreed to continue the review at an upcoming meeting.

**Adjourn**

**Upon a motion, and a second, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm, the meeting was adjourned.**