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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Belmont Conservation Commission**  
**June 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes**  
**Room 2, Town Hall**  
**7:00 pm**

**Attendees:**

Members: Jim Roth (Chair), Jeff North (Vice Chair); Margaret Velie; Miriam Weil; Dan Nolan; Christopher Morris.

Others: Bruce Haskell (Langdon Environmental), Dwight Dunk (Epsilon Associates); Barbara Passaro; Jean Devine; Franklin Tusher (sic)

The Meeting was convened at 7:00 pm.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission voted to approve the meeting minutes of the June 4, 2019 Meeting, as amended in the meeting room.

Mary Trudeau updated the Commission on the award of the CPA grant projects to Chris Polatin of Land Stewardship. Land Stewardship was the only timely bid received for the work. Mary noted that Chris has begun the work at Rock Meadow, and will be applying treatments to the Black Swallowort infestation in the upcoming weeks.

Mary Trudeau and Jim Roth updated the Commission on the ongoing work at the High School site, noting that a second Notice of Intent will likely be on the August agenda.

Mary Trudeau updated the Commission on the progress at the Clay Pit Pond Intergenerational Walking Path site. The work continues to be plagued by rain, but the benches are on order and this installation will allow for final stabilization to occur.

**Notice of Intent Application: 1034 Concord Avenue (former incinerator site)**

Dwight Dunk and Bruce Haskell presented the Notice of Intent Application for the demolition of the former solid waste incinerator at the property known as 1034 Concord Avenue. Work includes the removal of the asbestos within the building, as well as the physical structure, composed of both bricks and steel.

In response to comments made at the first public hearing on June 4, 2019, the plans have been revised to show the wetlands flags added along the Bank resource area, to the rear of the incinerator. The Commission discussed the conditional approval of the use of the elevation 168 flood plain, noting that the elevation must be verified through a letter of map amendment change with FEMA. Without this change, the Commission is bound to use the FEMA given elevations in future filings.

Additionally, Mary Trudeau noted that she had inspected much of the delineation and found it to be a reasonable representation of the extent of wetland resource areas on the site.

At the request of the Applicant, the Public Hearing was closed. The Commission discussed the project, and drafted several conditions for the Order of Conditions. The conditions included the standard Belmont Conditions, as well as limits to the temporary stockpiling of materials; the requirement for off site disposal for debris and materials generated by the demolition portion of the project; an on site review of erosion controls prior to the commencement of work; and installation of a stone apron at the Concord Avenue driveway apron. The Commission noted that dust control shall occur during demolition, and should consist of regular watering of the work area.

Based on a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the project as conditioned, and to issue an Order of Conditions for the work. The vote was unanimous for approval.

After a motion duly made and seconded, as well as a role call vote, the Commission voted to enter Executive Session to discuss legal issues related to Rock Meadow. The Commission returned to Open Session at approximately 8 pm.

#### **Meadowscaping for Biodiversity (MS4B) Proposal:**

The Commission reviewed the current proposal for the Meadowscaping project. The Commission noted that work is proposed within Rock Meadow. Tasks include creation of pollinator patches and non native and invasive plant species control. Jeff North noted that the team has been in contact with the Community Garden team, and some of the work will be done within the garden area.

The Commission expressed concern with the issue of liability at Rock Meadow, and noted the need for the MS4B proposal to be approved by the Town Administrator's office. The need for liability insurance is an outstanding issue, as is compliance with Board of Health policies; CORI/SORI checks; and payment of salaries to students. The Commission also noted that the selection process for the applicants may or may not be compliant with town policies.

The Commission asked the MS4B team to resolve the liability issues with the Town Administrators office and to return to the Conservation Commission with approvals from the TAs office.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission **VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:30 pm