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MEETING MINUTES
Belmont Conservation Commission
September 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Room 2, Town Hall
7:00 pm

Attendees:

Members: Jim Roth (Chair), Jeff North (Vice Chair); Margaret Velie; Dan Nolan; Charles Chiang; Christopher Morris and Mark Smith (Associate).

Others: Luke Perrotta; Tom Perrotta; Mary Granville;

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 25, 2019 Meeting, as amended in the meeting room.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission voted to approve the meeting minutes of the August 6, 2019 Meeting,

Request for Use of Rock Meadow by Harvard Running Club on October 12, 2019

The Harvard Running Club requested permission to use Rock Meadow for an intercollegiate club running event on October 12, 2019. The Club has limited the number of entrants for any event at 100 runners. There will be a Men's event; a Women's event; and potentially additional events if registrations exceed 100 for either of the races. Markings will be made with chalk, and any signage will be removed at the completion of the events. Mary Trudeau noted that the Harvard Running Club has rented the course on numerous occasions, and has always left the meadow in better condition than they found it. Any trash will be taken off site for disposal.

Based on a Motion, duly made and seconded, the Commission voted to approve the issuance of a permit to hold a X-Country running event on October 12, 2019. The vote was unanimous.

Request for Use of Rock Meadow by Belmont Hill School on September 28, 2019

The Belmont Hill School requested permission to use Rock Meadow for a league running event on September 28, 2019. The school expects to hold three races: Varsity, JV and a freshman race, if needed. Markings will be made with chalk, and any signage will be removed at the completion of the events. Mary Trudeau noted that the Belmont Hill School has rented the course on numerous occasions, and has always left the meadow in better condition than they found it. Any trash will be taken off site for disposal.

Based on a Motion, duly made and seconded, the Commission voted to approve the issuance of a permit to hold a X-Country running event on September 28, 2019. The vote was unanimous.

Continued Public Hearing: Notice of Intent Application: 221 Concord Avenue (Belmont High School) 106-0141

Based on a request by the applicant, the Commission voted to continue the public hearing for this project until the next meeting of the Commission. The date of the meeting will be set based on the timing of the third party drainage review process.

48 Pond Street Enforcement Action Update:

Mary Trudeau reported that the work has begun on the restoration of the edge of the pond and the altered vegetated wetland. The work is being supervised by DeRosa Associates. She noted that she will continue to monitor the restoration.

112 Clifton Street: Request for Determination of Applicability

Mary Granville, Tom Perrotta and Luke Perrotta presented the Request for Determination of Applicability to the Commission. The Request detailed a request to pave the existing driveway and parking areas on their property with bituminous concrete. The work is within the jurisdictional buffer zone of an intermittently flowing stream. No work is proposed within the Bank or Land Under Waterway resource areas on the property.

Mary Granville noted that they have lived at the property from 2007, and that the driveway has continued to require regular maintenance after large rain events. Mary showed the Commission a short video detailing the current flooding that occurs as runoff enters the culvert beneath the driveway. The film showed rapid surcharging of the culvert, and storm water flows quickly rising and running across the surface of the driveway. Mary noted that the "flash" flooding moves stone; sediment; and gravel across the driveway, depositing materials within the downstream portion of the brook. This was corroborated in the video.

While the Commission expressed concern with the placement of bituminous concrete, an impervious surface, within close proximity to the stream channel, they understood the value of stabilizing the surface for the applicant's use. Christopher Morris, a practicing Professional Engineer, noted that the resurfacing would not solve the flooding problem, and that flows would continue to rise out of the brook during rain events, potentially undercutting the new paved surface. He stated that the size of the culvert is the constriction, and that this dynamic is unchanged in the current proposal.

The Commission reviewed the conditions for allowing the project to move forward, with a Negative determination. Erosion controls will be required, and the storage of materials will be restricted to areas more than 25 feet from the wetlands. Mary Trudeau asked that the applicant evaluate their parking needs, and consider reducing the pavement areas proposed. She also agreed to review the project with Glenn Clancy, of Community Development, and to ask him to consider funding the replacement of the existing driveway culvert.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission voted to issue a Negative 2 Determination of Applicability, with conditions discussed above. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission **VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:00 pm