

MEETING MINUTES
Belmont Conservation Commission
January 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes
Room 2, Town Hall
7:00 pm

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DATE: April 1, 2021
TIME: 8:40 AM

Attendees:

Members: Jeff North (Vice Chair); Margaret Velie; Miriam Weil; Dan Nolan; Mark Smith (Associate).

Others: Karon S. Catrone; Peter Struzieri; Mark McCarthy

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 December 10, 2019 Meeting, as amended in the meeting room.

Discussion: Invasive Plant Species Management at the Library:

Peter Struzieri and Mark McCarthy, representing the Belmont Library, reported on the infestation of Japanese Knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*) that currently grows along the Wellington Brook, at the rear of the library. Peter noted that the Library Board of Trustees is interested in restoring the infested area to a native plant community. Peter reported on various control efforts made over the past decade, and the need for a holistic approach. He noted that the proposed work is ineligible for CPA funding, as the property is not land controlled by the Conservation Commission.

The Commission expressed sympathy for the library's thwarted efforts to control the infestation, and suggested that Peter reach out to Chris Polotin of Land Stewardship, Inc, to get a professional estimate of the task. The Commission noted that Land Stewardship is currently controlling non native and invasive plant species at Clay Pit Pond, and has a great deal of experience working in Belmont. The Commission noted that having a plan in hand could allow the Library to find funding for the work program.

The Commission agreed to meet with the Library representatives once a proposal has been completed by Land Stewardship, or a similar firm.

Public Hearing: Notice of Intent Application: 36 Greensbrook Way (106-142)

Karon Catrone, representing the applicant, presented revised plans describing the proposal to demolish the existing single family dwelling, and reconstruct a new single family home on the property. The proposed site plan includes a small amount of work

within the 0-25 foot buffer zone, although the footprint of the dwelling and the driveway are located greater than 25 feet from the edge of the wetlands system.

Revisions to the plan included a better description of the invasive plant species control work; modifications to the erosion and sedimentation controls; and installation of a grassed swale behind the proposed dwelling. Karon also submitted engineering data relating to the soil explorations done on site for the sizing of the storm water infiltration systems. The Commission noted that a second test pit would be required in the Order of Conditions issued for the project.

Based on a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission

VOTED to close the public hearing of the Notice of Intent filed for 36 Greensbrook Way.

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VOTED to issue an Order of Conditions approving the project. Special conditions and the standard Belmont conditions are to be incorporated into the Order. The three special conditions included a request for a second test pit on the site; a suitable erosion and sedimentation control barrier at the limit of work line; and a note that the targeted invasive plant species are: Bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculata*); Burning Bush (*Euonymus purpurea*); and Buckthorn (*Rhamnus frangula*).

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission **VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:30 pm