

MEETING MINUTES
Belmont Conservation Commission
July 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting via Zoom Meeting
7:00 pm

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

Attendees:

Members: Jeff North (Vice Chair); Miriam Wiel; Christopher Morris; Peg Velie; Dan Nolan; Mark Smith (Associate)

Others: Ara Yogurtian (host)

Call to Order:

The Meeting was Called to Order at 7:03 pm by Jeff North, Vice Chair

Approval of March 10, 2020 Minutes:

Based on a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission

VOTED to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2002 meeting of the Conservation Commission

Certificate of Compliance for 106-0065 and 106-0127

The Commission discussed the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance for a portion of the work regulated under DEP File Number 106-0065, known as Lot 3 or 39 Oakmont Circle. Mary Trudeau reported that she had conducted numerous site inspections at the property over the past several months, and believed that the work had been done in compliance with the outstanding Order of Conditions. She further noted that a second Order of Conditions should have been within the title of the property (106-0127) but that the Request for a Certificate of Compliance did not reference the second Order of Conditions. At this point in the meeting, the prospective buyer of 39 Oakmont Circle (Pratap Malik) spoke and noted that he needed a Certificate of Compliance for the second Order of Conditions, as well. He noted that he had not submitted the original request but would request the Certificate of Compliance for the 106-127 file. He reported that his closing was later in the week and that he needed both Certificates for the closing. The Commission agreed to accept his verbal request, as the Orders of Conditions regulated the same work, albeit for different periods of time.

Based on a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission

VOTED to issue a partial Certificate of Compliance for the DEP Files 106-65 and 106-127, noting that the partial Certificates applied ONLY to work on Lot 3, 39

Oakmont Circle. The Certificates do not apply to Lots 1, 2 or 4, nor do they release the subdivision roadway and drainage work.

Discussion: Clay Pit Pond Outlook and Seating Area Project

Mary Trudeau reviewed a conceptual project consisting of a pond overlook and memorial seating area for Clay Pit Pond. The project would be a joint venture between the Belmont Lion's Club and the family of Cleo Theodopolos. Jim Roth noted that the Lion's Club is interested in pursuing the project, but that the current pandemic has restricted both fund raising and meetings of the Lion's Club. He note that the next Lion's Club meeting will likely be the second week in September.

Amanda McCarthy, the mother of Cleo Theodopolos, noted that her family would like to create the seating area as a way of thanking those in Town who supported her family, and Cleo. Mary Trudeau noted that the Historic Districts Commission will need to be consulted, and that she would arrange a meeting to discuss the concept.

Christopher Morris noted that there will be permitting required for the overlook, likely including a 401 Water Quality Certification and a Waterways License. Mary Trudeau agreed, and noted that she would have to research jurisdiction and requirements. Peg Velie stated that she believes Clay Pit Pond may be ten acres in size, and may be considered a Great Pond.

The Commission agreed to continue their discussions on this project at the September meeting of the Commission. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 15, 2020.

Discussion: Rock Meadow Parking Lot

Jeff North noted that he has been researching grant sources for "green" infrastructure with the assistance of the Charles River Watershed Association. He noted that the funding of this project is uncertain, and that Glenn Clancy has not weighed in on the parking lot viability. Mary agreed to broach the subject with Glenn, to further discussions on potential funding sources.

Discussion: Rock Meadow

Mary and Dan Nolan praised the ongoing mowing this season, noting that the eight foot wide paths are well appreciated by socially distancing walkers. Mary noted that there had been some confusion with the mowing at Lone Tree Hill, but that it appeared to be resolved.

The Commission discussed the supposed ongoing invasive plant species control contracted for at Rock Meadow, with Land Stewardship (Chris Polatin). Mary noted that she has had no contact from Chris on either the work at Rock Meadow or the Clay Pit Pond control plan since last fall. Jeff North agreed to try and reach Chris Polatin to discuss the status of both projects.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission **VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:17 pm