

## **MINUTES Belmont Conservation Commission Meeting**

Minutes of January 5, 2010 at Room 2 Town Hall at 7:00 P.M.

**Attendance:** Chair: Miriam Weil, Vice-Chair: Martha Moore; Members: Margaret Velie; Nancy Davis; Jim Roth; Tino Lichauco; David Webster; Associates: Barbara Gardner; Jeffrey North. Agent: Mary Trudeau (meeting start only). Nancy Davis and Martha Moore arrived at approximately 7:10 pm.

1. John Kruse, Sea Dar Construction
2. Paul Finger, Paul Finger Associates
3. Joan Teebagy, Citizen

### **Review Minutes of December 2 , 2009:**

David Webster moved that the Commission approve the minutes, as amended, of the December 1, 2009 meeting of the Belmont Conservation Commission. Tino Lichauco seconded the motion, and the five members were present for the vote and approved the motion.

### **240 Somerset Street (Rutherford property)**

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There have been many issues of non-compliance in connection with these two properties. Mary Trudeau issued a stop work order, on behalf of the Commission, in early December of 2009. After several weeks of discussions and improvements to the site, it is the opinion of Mary Trudeau that neither property is in active violation at present. There is an outstanding issue of stock piles within jurisdictional areas on the Rutherford property, but this issue will be resolved in the Notice of Intent that the owners have agreed to file for the un regulated work done to date, as well as jurisdictional work proposed. Representatives will attend the February meeting. Mary Trudeau noted that the Rutherfords have agreed to file a Notice of Intent by January 15, 2010, and that the Notice of Intent will be heard at the February 2, 2010 meeting of the Commission.

### **Rock Meadow Brochure update and intern possibility**

Mary Trudeau noted that she has found an Oberlin college student intern, Julia Bowling, who is currently engaged in environmental and art studies, will be available for work on various task for one month. The Commission agreed that brochure preparation would be an appropriate task.

### **Rock Meadow Sheep Project Discussion Update**

Mary Trudeau and Miriam Weil noted that Liz Shaw has been refining her proposal, and is willing to propose a 2 to 3 month demonstration of sheep keeping at Rock Meadow. This plan would limit the number of animals, and require only temporary structures, and allow the Commission to gather information.

## **Open Space Plan Update – Comprehensive Master Plan**

David Webster and Martha Moore attended the public meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Public Hearing for 34 Agassiz Avenue, Belmont Manor Nursing Home (DEP File 106-099)**

Paul Finger represented the Belmont Manor Nursing Home. The Notice of Intent was filed to reflect changes to the storm water management system on the site, which were made during the life of the Order, but were not included in the Order of Conditions 106-0071. He explained that the drainage changes were made during construction, to address drainage issues observed on the site. Specifically, a drainage line running across the courtyard was re-routed to the outside of building, and a manhole and catchbasin outfall were modified. Work did not meet the Storm Water Management Guidelines promulgated by the DEP for a redevelopment project. Salient points of the discussion included:

- During construction a drainage pipe was uncovered under the building, which needed to be tied in to a catch basin.
- All drainage structures go to catch basins (chained), which predates current stormwater regulations.
- The parking lot was not changed. The project did add a catch basin and 2 area drains to deal with wind driven rain.
- One catch basin was replaced with a manhole.
- The builders / developers should have come to BCC and described the piping found, changes proposed, etc during the life of the Order of Conditions 106-0071.
- The new Notice of Intent filing is seeking an Order of Conditions which permits, retroactively, the drainage improvements that have been made on the site.

Based on the discussions with the Commission, the Commission requested that PFA consider structural and nonstructural means to limit impacts. The Commission further recommended that PFA consult Mary Trudeau to discuss options for enhancing his plans and to develop an O&M plan. Mr. Finger requested, and was granted, a continuance of the Public Hearing until the February 2, 2010 meeting of the Commission.

### **Security Camera at Rock Meadow**

The Commission discussed the possibility of utilizing a DEP program to install a security camera at Rock Meadow. Nancy Davis noted that she and Mary Trudeau would be meeting with Tim Dame of DEP in mid January to discuss the application.

Executive Session:

### **UPLANDS (DEP 106-0072) update and discussion of December 7, 2009 meeting with Board of Selectmen**

The Commission discussed possible scenarios for various outcomes of the appeal.

9:30                    The meeting was Adjourned