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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Belmont Conservation Commission**  
**October 1, 2013 Meeting Minutes**  
**Room 2, Town Hall**  
**7:00 pm**

**Attendees:**

Members: James Roth, David Webster, Margaret Velie, Faustino Lichauco, Jeff North, Miriam Weil

Conservation Agent: Mary Trudeau

NON BCC / OTHERS: Allen Rice (BMLD); Joe Freeman (Tetrattech Rizzo); Cindy Markowicz (Tetrattech Rizzo); Ben Dickensheets (Harvard Running Club); Anne Marie Lambert (TMM precinct 8); Charles Guleserian (20 Flanders Road); Moshe Alamaro (MoreAqua)

7:00 **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Jim Roth, Chairman

**Approval of Minutes September 10, 2013 Minutes**

Faustino Lichauco moved to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2013 meeting as amended; David Webster seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

**Harvard Running Club:**

Ben Dickensheets represented the Running Club. The current proposal includes a start and finish line in Rock Meadow. Ben noted that a water table will be set up at the finish line. A registration table will be set up near the Community Gardens, and may utilize the existing picnic table. The Club will rent (3) Port o Lets for the event, and will leave them in place through the weekend to accommodate the Belmont Serves workday on October 14, 2013. The Club anticipates approximately (75) runners. Each Running Club is responsible for transportation to the event, and carpooling or the use of vans is encouraged. The Club agreed to notify the Belmont Police Department about the time and duration of the event. Ben noted that the trails would be flagged prior to the race, and that at the completion of the event, all tags, signage and trash would be taken from the site. Ben also stated that he had obtained event insurance, and responded to a question from David Webster, that the cost was approximately \$220 dollars for the day. Ben gave his mailing address of: 157 Kirkland, Mail Center, Cambridge, MA 02138.

Margaret Velie moved to approve the use of Rock Meadow on Saturday October 12, 2013 for a running race sponsored by the Harvard Running Club. The motion was seconded by Miriam Weil, and passed unanimously.

**Public Hearing for Notice of Intent filing for 20 Flanders Road**

Jim Roth opened the public hearing for the demolition of the existing structure at 20 Flanders Road. The project was represented by Cyndy Markowicz (Tetrattech Rizzo); Joseph Freeman (Tetrattech Rizzo) and Allen Rice of (Belmont Municipal Light Department).

The applicant's representatives presented the proposal for the demolition of the existing structures, and the subsequent regarding of the site. The Commission ascertained that the wetlands delineation shown on the site corresponded with the flagging approved by the Commission for the earlier site work on the Blair Pond. The Commission noted that the site contained Riverfront Area; Bordering Vegetated Wetland; Bordering Land Subject to Flooding, and areas subject to jurisdiction (the 100 foot buffer zone to wetlands). The applicant noted that elevation (7) is considered the Bordering Land Subject to Flooding height. The Commission noted that there were no wetland flags remaining on the site.

The Commission expressed concern with the future redevelopment of the property. The proponents of the project noted that this work was being considered a "redevelopment" for the purposes of meeting the Riverfront Area requirements and for stormwater management. The Commission noted that if the site was restored to a permeable condition for a period of time, the regulations governing stormwater management could require the applicant to mimic these conditions, not the current impervious conditions. The Commission noted that there was currently no proposed redevelopment plan, and that the site would be at least temporarily restored to a permeable condition. The applicant proposed the use of wood chips to stabilize the surface of the regarded site, arguing that this would represent an interim construction phase, rather than a return to a permeable condition.

The Commission again noted that the wetland flags were no longer visible on the site. The Commission requested that the delineation be marked on the ground.

The applicant requested the continuation of the public hearing until the November 5, 2013 meeting of the Commission.

**Discussion Item: Moshe Alamaro, CTO for More Aqua**

Moshe Alamaro gave the Commission with a short power point presentation presenting the use of a monolayer surfactant and system of pumps and sensors designed to reduce evaporation across the surface of a waterbody. Mr Alamaro stated that he is currently applying for a Department of Energy Grant, as well as searching for venture capital. Mr. Alamaro noted that the process is developed for use in the western parts of the country, but that he was looking for a local site to test the pumps and sensors used in the process. He stated that Clay Pit pond offers a good location for a Pilot Program (without the use of the monolayer surfactant).

The Commission suggested that Mr. Alamaro submit a Request for Determination of Applicability to the Commission to allow for a formal review of the proposed project. Mr. Alamaro requested a letter of support from the Commission. The Commission agreed to submit a letter noting that an application for the pilot program had been submitted to the Commission for review. Mary Trudeau agreed to send a letter upon receipt of a RFD application from More Aqua.

### **Community Service Work Days:**

David Webster noted that Belmont Serves Day is on October 14, 2013 and that the Commission has been asked to lead a work party at Rock Meadow. Jim Roth confirmed that he probably would be available that day and could supervise a team of workers. The Commission requested Mary Trudeau order densely graded material, as was done in 2012, to allow for filling of pot holes and depressions within the parking area. The Commission noted that other projects for that work day could include work to improve the appearance of the Mill Street parking lot (for Lone Tree Hill); the removal of Ailanthus seedlings from Rock Meadow and the removal of weeds from the area surrounding the concrete foundation in the West Meadow.

### **Lone Tree Hill Property Updates:**

Jeffrey North updated the Commission with recent mowing and work projects at the Lone Tree Hill property. Jeff noted that a foot bridge had recently been replaced by an unknown contractor and that a work party was being scheduled to install the approved bridge in this location. The tentative date for this work party is October 27, 2013.

### **Community Preservation Act projects**

2014 project preliminary proposals were due on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Mary Trudeau and Peg Velie prepared the submission of a Land Inventory grant request. The Land Inventory grant will allow the Commission to hire a consultant to prepare a list of parcels of land that may be of value to the Conservation Commission. Margaret Velie noted that 14 projects had been submitted to the CPA.

Mary Trudeau noted that she will be scheduling public meetings for the Clay Pit Pond Intergenerational Walking Path project on September 19 and that she anticipates bidding the water line replacement project at Rock Meadow in late September.

Margaret Velie agreed to work with Mary Trudeau on the 2014 grant request for the Land Inventory.

### **Future Eagle Scout Projects:**

Will Cheney did not appear at the Conservation Commission meeting, and Mary Trudeau noted only minimal contact with Will and that there had been no additional information submitted to the Commission.

### **Adjourn**

David Webster moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 pm; Margaret Velie seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 pm.