

APPROVED

Belmont Conservation Commission Meeting October 11, 2005 Chenery Faculty Dining Room

Attendance: Commissioners Joe Curro, Nancy Davis, Kathy Baskin, Miriam Weil, Peg Velie, Carolyn Bishop, Associates Ruth Foster, Stew Sanders., Chris McVay
Doug Matson, Phong Lu, Don Bockler FAR volunteer, Deborah Hartman, Ronald C. Curhan
Town Engineer: Glenn Clancy,

Called to order by Miriam Weil: 7:10 PM

Minutes: July 20th : corrections of location of 39 Robinwood project,: in second 100ft of the riverfront, herbicide use excluded, 56 Robinwood project also in the 200ft riverfront. Accepted as amended.

September 13, 2005 accepted as corrected.

Old Business:

Rock Meadow Management Plan: Subcommittee of Carolyn Bishop, Nancy Davis, Stew Sanders, Debbie Hartman, Chris McVay, Miriam Weil will have the first meeting on Friday September 21, at 12:30 at a Town room to be assigned.

Mowing: Gray Lee from Land's Sake could mow front meadow for \$1000 and has a machine that cuts brush up to one inch caliper. Jim Henderson will also examine property to submit a bid. Waverly Landscaping may also submit an estimate.

Rock Meadow Cleanup: Debbie Hartman led a cleanup. Waverly Landscaping donated a brush cutting lawnmower, a heavy duty weed whacker for the sumac, Boy Scouts used weed wrenches to remove buckthorn and the trails were cleared in spite of the rain.

Lee Barber/Concord Ave: fallen tree was referred to the Highway Department.

Claypit Pond Trees: Nancy Davis and Carolyn Bishop walked the site today and will meet with Bob Martin to discuss removal of three dead trees on school property near the trail.

243 Marsh Street: site visit needs to be scheduled with Tom Ryan, additional delineation information was submitted

Open Space Plan: send electronic version to appropriate committees for updating. Kathy will talk to Martha to get draft sections out for revision.

New Business:

Little Pond: Phong Lu: Presented a proposal for an otter shelter to be placed on the bank of Little Pond as a Boy Scout project: a structure of 47" x 40" by about one foot made of pallets and covered with branches, wired in place. Plan to place structure on the northeast side of Little Pond opposite residents. Minks, muskrats, weasels, otters might use this shelter. Phong will report back to the commission and maintain the structure for a year. Installation will be attempted with minimal disruption to bank vegetation.

Chairman: C. Bishop nominated Miriam Weil and Kathleen Baskin as Co Chairs, seconded by Nancy Davis. Unanimous approval. Miriam will serve as first contact with Kathy as backup.

Hearing : 8:07 PM 240 Somerset Street: continued from September meeting.

Rich Kirby from LEC Environmental Consultants presented:

The original plan was reviewed. A site visit occurred with some Commissioners. A mitigation plan was presented with three mitigating measures:

Relocated house from 10ft. to 25ft. from the wetlands.

Proposed to revegetate the lawn grass and canopy trees with clusters of 60 native shrubs of three to four feet in height in the area on Lot 1 beyond the proposed haybale line up to the existing forested edge in the wetland.

Ten native trees to be planted on each lot to replace the removal of more than 30 trees upgradient of the limit of work. Trees to be one to one-half inch caliper, 4 to 5 feet tall.

Discussion: K Baskin recommended direct roof leaders away from the driveway. Dante Muzzioli suggested putting 50 gallon drum in the ground surrounded by gravel for drainage of several downspouts each.

Concerns expressed about roof runoff, use of herbicides and pesticides, placing of the new shrubs in the buffer, location of the haybales so near the wetland line, lawn less effective for filtration than buffer vegetation.

Stumps will be removed, lawn seeded to complete the project.

R Foster reported that the brook channel has changed over time. Earlier there was mosquito control ditching and a clogged drainpipe.

Ronald Curhan of Somerset Street requested specifications on the drainage barrels. The requirement to install them will be in the Order of Conditions. Mr Curhan recommended a plan to revisit the plantings later to ensure survival of same.

KBaskin moved the issuance of an Order of Conditions, seconded: Order of Conditions written to include:

Redirect roof runoff to drywells, recommend no pesticides, herbicides, chemical fertilizers used on lawn, require an as-built plan, shrub planting plan included as part of plan, request notification of list of plants and planting time for Commission to observe the process, check plants for survival in a year and replace if necessary, no stockpiling of excavated material in the 100 ft buffer, cover any excavate, remove excavate when possible, store excavation machinery and gasoline, portapotty, dumpsters outside of the buffer, install and maintain protective silt line of BioFence: natural burlap with wood fibres in a roll, staked and trenched Clean trucks on site away from the buffer to prevent siltation of storm drains.

Order of Condition approved with 5 yes and one no vote. Hearing closed at 8:58PM

Palandjian property: site visit showed gasoline, machinery, portapotty and dumpster stored next to the haybale line. Many haybales also needed replacing. Glenn Clancy will follow up.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM Next meeting November 8, 2005 Submitted by C. Bishop