

APPROVED

MINUTES: Belmont Conservation Commission Meeting October 4, 2011

The meeting was called to order in Room 2 of Town Hall at 7PM.
The next meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2011.

Attendance: , Miriam Weil, David Webster, William McCants , Margaret Velie, Jeffrey North, Jim Roth, Tino Lichauco , Mary Trudeau (Conservation Agent).

Rich Kirby (LEC Environmental Consultants)
Fiona and Eamon Casey (56 Fletcher Road)
Robin Levandov (abutter to 56 Fletcher Road)

REVIEW OF MINUTES OF September 13, 2011

The minutes were reviewed by the Commission and discussed. Faustino Lichauco made a motion to approve the minutes of September 13, 2011, as amended. The motion was seconded by David Webster, and was passed unanimously.

Appointment and Reappointment of Conservation Commission Members

The Selectmen have made appointments and reappointments for the Conservation Commission. Martha Moore was not reappointed. William McCants was appointed, and Miriam Weil, Margaret Velie and James Roth were re appointed. The Commission discussed the resignation of Barbara Gardner, noting that she had been an excellent associate to the Commission. Margaret Velie was also appointed to the Community Preservation Act Committee.

MACC Fall Conference: MACC Fall Conference Registration was discussed, and Mary Trudeau noted that reimbursement might be possible. Commissioners were urged to attend the conference, and to send registration forms to MACC and Mary Trudeau for processing.

233 Prospect Street – Certificate of Compliance Request (106-107)

The Commission discussed the condition of the property at 233 Prospect Street. Mary Trudeau noted that, while the work associated with the patio and landscaping was substantially complete, the grass seed had not germinated and the site was not completely stabilized.

Tino Lichauco moved to deny the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance until the site has been stabilized by the establishment of the grass seeding. The motion was seconded by Jim Roth, and approved unanimously.

Snow Storage Discussion:

The Commission discussed the potential use of land within Rock Meadow for the temporary storage of snow by the Belmont Department of Public Works. Mary Trudeau noted that EOEA did not find the activity to constitute a “taking” as long as seasonal, recreational interests were protected. Mary Trudeau agreed to request that a representative from the DPW attend the November meeting of the Conservation Commission.

56 Fletcher Road – Notice of Intent filing (106-109)

Richard Kirby of LEC represented Fiona and Eamon Casey in their continued public hearing for the Notice of Intent to restore and revegetate wetland, buffer zone and Riverfront Area resource areas on the 56 Fletcher Road property. Mr. Kirby provided a plan showing that the entire wetland and all buffer zone areas within 25 feet of the wetland were to be planted with woody vegetation. Additionally, portions of the Riverfront and jurisdictional buffer zone will be planted with a mix of native ground covers and woody vegetation. The applicant also proposed restoration of the off site areas that had been altered by the Casey contractor. Mr. Kirby also noted that the landscaping plan had been amended to include the removal of (5) diseased Hemlock trees, and to include a comprehensive plan of invasive plant species control for the entire site.

Mr Kirby noted that there would be no lawn areas maintained within 35 feet of the Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, and that there would be no mowing within landscaped shrub beds. The Commission requested two full seasons of monitoring, and Mr. Kirby agreed to this request.

At Mrs Levandov’s request , Mr. Kirby requested a continuation of the public hearing to accommodate the landscaping concerns of Mrs. Levandov, an abutter to the property. David Webster moved to accept the applicant’s request for a continuance, and the motion was seconded by Jim Roth and the motion was unanimously approved.

David Webster proposed several special conditions for consideration in the Order of Conditions. These included no mowing or lawn areas within 35 feet of the Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

David Webster moved that the Commission ratify the September 14, 2011 Enforcement Order, and the motion was seconded by Jim Roth. The motion was passed unanimously.

David Webster moved that a site visit for October 11, 2011 be scheduled at the 56 Fletcher Street property. The motion was seconded by Jim Roth and unanimously approved.

Mapping and completion of Mapworks project:

Mary Trudeau agreed contact MapWorks and request (4) large poster sized plans.

October 10, 2011 Belmont Serves Day:

David Webster noted that he and Barbara Gardner are organizing the work party for Rock Meadow and that projects could include clipping and cutting of vegetation.

Community Service Work Day:

Miriam Weil agreed to work with the High School to create a project for the Community Service Work day on October 22, 2011.

Uplands Project:

The Commission discussed the lack of news on the pending litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 pm

CONSERVATION COMMISSION OCTOBER 4 2011

Mary Trudeau
Jeffrey North

Agent
Con Com

Margaret Velic

Con Com

Miriam Weil

Con Com

David Webster

Con Com

James A. Roth

Con Com

William McCarty

Con Com

Faustin A. Lichauco

Con Com

RICHARD KIRBY

LEC ENV. (56 Fletcher)

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Fiona Casey

Robin Levandov

MEETING NOTICE
Belmont Conservation Commission
October 4, 2011 Agenda
Town Hall, Room 2
7:00 pm

AGENDA

- 7:00 Call to Order
- 7:10 Minutes of September 13, 2011
- 7:15 Certificate of Compliance Request for 233 Prospect Street (106-107)
- 7:30 56 Fletcher Road Notice of Intent filing (Continued Public Hearing)
- 8:00 Rock Meadow Discussion (Garden and Mowing update)
October 22, 2011 Community Service Work Day
Belmont Serves Work Day October 10 , 2011
- 8:10 Mapworks Project
- 8:15 Snow Storage at Rock Meadow: Update
- 8:25 UPLANDS (DEP 106-0072) update and discussion
- 9:00 Adjourn