

Belmont Conservation Commission Meeting October 7, 2008 Room 2 at Town Hall at 7:00 PM

Attendance Chair: Miriam Weil, Vice Chair Martha Moore, Members: Jim Roth, Margaret Velie, David Webster, Tino Lichauco
Associates: Jeff North
Agent: Mary Trudeau
Public: Barbara Gardner, Robin Hicks, Kelly Durfee Cardoza, Michael Rose,

Minutes:

Minutes of September 9, 2008 were discussed, and approved. Maragaret Velie moved that the minutes be approved, the motion was seconded by David Webster, and unanimously approved in a 6-0 vote.

Discussion of modifications to Headwall Replacements at 190 Clifton Street and Concord Road at Robinwood Road:

Robin Hicks of Greener represented the Town of Belmont (the applicant) in presenting the modifications to the approved site plan to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Hicks noted that the restrictions for the bypass pumping placed in the Order of Conditions were workable for the Clifton Street Culvert, but that the heavy flows at the Concord Road site could require a larger diameter pump (a three inch rather than the specified two inch diameter pump).

Mr Hicks noted that the Clifton Street work had commenced and he discussed the bypass work related to the stream, as well as the dewatering operations for the work area. He noted that while the bypass pumping has begun, there has been no need to dewater the work area, yet. He stated that the bypass pumping was via two inch pumps and that the hoses were being discharged into a stone lined drainage structure set into the lawn at 190 Clifton Street. He also stated that the work area was dry, with no groundwater inflows, and that he had not needed to dewater the work area. Mr Hicks noted that he did have a silt sack set up on the lawn of 190 Clifton Street in preparation for this occurrence.

Mr Hicks also stated that the limit of work line for the Clifton Street project had been revised and that Justin Gould of FST had sent a letter to the Commission notifying them of the increased disturbance within the buffer zone area.

Mary Trudeau noted to the Commission that she might be requested to authorize the increase in pump size at the Concord Avenue project, and that the Commission should be aware of this issue.

Lubin Request for Determination of Applicability modification: The Commission signed the revised Request for Determination of Applicability after discussing the modified special conditions regarding the nature of the plant survey.

Rock Meadow WHIP grant and the Bridges and Boardwalk Project:

The Commission requested that they receive copies of Debbie Hartman's electronic flyers to assist in advertising the work days. Mary Trudeau noted that she will send out an additional mailing to neighbors on the north side of Concord Avenue. It was discussed that October 25, 2008 is National Make a Difference Day.

On a separate note, Mary Trudeau stated that the WHIP grant reimbursement for work done earlier this year had been deposited in the Town account.

Belmont Country Club Certificate of Compliance for 106-0051:

Kelly Cardoza and Michael Rose discussed the request for a Certificate of Compliance. They noted that all drainage work had been completed, as well as the required mitigation plantings. Kelly noted that the emergent marsh plantings had been submerged for the entire growing season this year. The Commission reviewed the hydrology of the golf course with the applicant's representatives. Ms Trudeau noted that the ponds in the golf course were much more naturalized than prior to the mitigation work, and that there was a fringe of native vegetation surrounding most of the various water bodies.

David Webster moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance for the project, the motion was seconded by Margaret Velie, and the vote was unanimous.

Belmont Country Club Extension of Order of Conditions for 106-0064

Kelly Cardoza discussed the Belmont Country Clubs request for an extension to the Order of Conditions that permitted stream dredging and the creation of a sedimentation trap/oxbow on the golf course property. She noted that financial constraints had precluded the completion of the work within the prescribed time frame. The Commission discussed the work and noted that the work would be a benefit to the down stream wetlands.

Martha Moore moved to extend the Order of Conditions until February of 2011, and the motion was seconded by Tino Lichauco. The vote was unanimous.

Belmont Country Club Enforcement Action at 68 Stony Brook Road:

Kelly Cardoza discussed the work that has been done to remedy the wetlands violation at 68 Stony Brook Road. She noted that the fill had been removed from the wetland, the wetlands replanted and that the Country Club was continuing to monitor the Diarbakerly's access to the area. Ms Cardoza noted that the Country Club had not installed a fence, and that they were pleased with the current condition of the restoration area. Ms Cardoza noted that the restoration area clearly met the 75% revegetation required under the Regulations. Ms Trudeau noted that she had inspected the area and that she was satisfied with the work.

Tino Lichauco moved to issue a letter to the Belmont Country Club stating that the enforcement action had been recinded, Margaret Velie seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Conservation Commission introduced themselves to Ms Barbara Gardner, a new resident of Belmont. Ms Gardner noted that she had been a member of a similar commission in New Jersey, and that she was interested in the work of the Belmont Conservation Commission. The Commission invited Ms Gardner to continue to attend meetings, and to consider an associates position on the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

Submitted by Mary Trudeau, Agent