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MINUTES Belmont Conservation Commission Meeting

February 5, 2013 in Room 2 Town Hall at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Attendance: Chair: James Roth; David Webster, Tino Lichauco, William McCants, Margaret Velie, Miriam Weil and Mary Trudeau (agent)

Keith Moore – Northlands Development

Review of Minutes of December 4, 2012

Miriam Weil moved that the Commission approve the minutes of the January 8, 2013 meeting of the Belmont Conservation Commission, as amended. Faustino Lichauco seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

Miscellaneous Discussion:

Mary Trudeau noted that a meeting of the gardeners had been held on January 22, 2013. Discussion items included upcoming garden openings; the Community Preservation Act grant opportunity; the blight resistant tomato plants to be grown by Sandra Curro, and mowing requirements for the upcoming season.

Request for Certificate of Compliance, Phase 2 at the Woodlands (106-0028)

Keith Moore represented Northland Development in their pursuit of a Certificate of Compliance for the buffer zone activities within Phase 2. Keith noted that 116 foundations are installed, with two additional non jurisdictional units to be constructed later this year. Keith noted that the site is stabilized, and there is no jurisdictional work remaining in this Phase.

David Webster moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance for the project. The motion was seconded by Faustino Lichauco, and unanimously approved by the Commission.

CPA PROJECTS:

The Commission briefly discussed the water line replacement project at the Community Gardens site, and the proposed inter-generational walkway plan proposal for the Clay Pit Pond area. Margaret Velie noted that the CPA committee recommendations were formalized on January 9, 2013 and that both projects had been recommended for funding. The Commission discussed the need to prepare for the Warrant Committee meeting and other informational sessions that may be offered.

ACCOUNTING

The Commission discussed the accounts for the USDA WHIP Cost Share program and the filing fee revolving account. Mary Trudeau brought an itemized accounting of the USDA WHIP grant expenditures and reimbursements to the meeting. After a short discussion, she agreed to work with Pauline Daniels to simplify the balances of the account summary.

UPLANDS (DEP 106-0072) update

The Commission discussed the recent developments in the Uplands filing, noting that George Hall has filed an appeal of the recent court decision. At approximately 8:16:

James Roth moved, and the motion was seconded by David Webster to enter executive session to discuss litigation strategy. After a roll call vote, the Commission voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss strategy related to litigation on the Uplands Project. (OADR Docket No. Wet 2008-072-R)

The Commission came back into open meeting at approximately 9:00 and adjourned at 9:05.

Next meeting: March 5, 2013