

APPROVED

FINAL

MINUTES Belmont Conservation Commission Meeting

February 7, 2012 in Room 4 Town Hall at 7:00 P.M.

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

The next meeting is March 13, 2012.

Attendance: Chair: Miriam Weil, David Webster, William McCants, Jeff North, Margaret Velie, and Mary Trudeau (Agent).

Darrell King, Anne Paulsen, Douglas Massidah, Luis Miguel Ormeno, Ezequiel Alvarez Saavedra

Approval of January 24, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Jeff North moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by William McCants, and the motion passed unanimously.

Beekeeping at Rock Meadow Spring and Summer of 2012

Luis Miguel Ormeno and Ezequiel Alvarez Saavedra presented a proposal to add one to two hives to the beekeeping project at Rock Meadow. The men noted that they had been in contact with Karen LaCourse and Joan Teebagy and that the location of the new hives would be coordinated with the other beekeepers.

David Webster moved to approve the use of Rock Meadow for up to two hives for the 2012 growing season. The motion was seconded by Margaret Velie, and the project was unanimously approved.

The Commission also reviewed a letter request from Karen LaCourse, requesting permission to keep two to three hives at Rock Meadow during the 2012 growing season. The Commission noted that Ms. LaCourse had donated a portion of her profits from honey sales (\$140 dollars) to the Commission after the 2011 growing season.

David Webster moved to approve the use of Rock Meadow for up to three hives as requested by Ms. LaCourse. The motion was seconded by William McCants and was unanimously approved.

Community Preservation Act Discussion

Margaret Velie discussed projects that could be funded under the CPA. She noted that Belmont would be required to allot ten percent of all CPA funds to open space. The Commission discussed the need to develop a list of potential criteria and projects for use of the funds.

The Commission noted that the goal of the Commission's fund recommendations should be to protect land through purchase or restrictions for Conservation purposes in Belmont, including the following types of lands: undeveloped land or open space; land with wetland resource areas or buffer zones; lands adjacent to existing open spaces; lands significant to wildlife or wildlife habitat; bike path connections or corridors; flood control or flood protection; and pocket parks within densely settled neighborhoods.

After a roll call vote, at 8:20 pm, 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 9:20, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:21.

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FEBRUARY 7, 2011

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MEETING NOTICE
Belmont Conservation Commission
February 7, 2012 Agenda
Town Hall, Room 4
7:00 pm

AGENDA

- 7:00 Call to Order
- 7:10 Minutes of January 24, 2011
- 7:15 Request for BeeKeeping Permit from Karen LaCourse and others
- 7:20 Community Preservation Act project priorities and criteria
- 8:20 UPLANDS (DEP 106-0072) update and discussion
Executive Session is possible to discuss litigation strategy of Superior Court
Action related to Superseding Order of Conditions appeal
- 8:45 Adjourn