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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Belmont Conservation Commission**  
**May 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes**  
**Room 2, Town Hall**  
**7:00 pm**

**Attendees:**

Members: Jim Roth (Chairman); David Webster; Margaret Velie, Faustino Lichauco, Miriam Weil, Charles Chiang

Conservation Agent: Mary Trudeau

NON BCC / OTHERS: Joel Mooney, Rich Kirby, Don Chiofaro, Roger Wrubel, Joe White, Amanda Sloane, Chris Chiofaro, Tal Chiofaro, Betsy Corbet, Don Chiofaro, Jr., Jean George, Ed George, Ellen Kaplan, Martina Ubrenth, Mark Alibrand, Katie Bittenwieser, Judy Battit, George Battit, Anne DiGiovanni, John DiGiovanni, Robert J. Morrissey, Alyce Morrissey, Jack and Joan Meirzle, Lydia Sylvestro, Rosario Agular, Stephen Agular, Graceanne Foulkes, James P Leone, Bill Mavadones, Susan Gere, Stephan Kilcoyne, Donna Kilcoyne, Linda and Jeff Levin-Scherz, Malcolm MacKenzie

7:05 **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Jim Roth, Chairman.

**Approval of Minutes April 8, 2014 Minutes**

Margaret Velie moved to accept the minutes of the April 8, 2014 meeting as written; Miriam Weil seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Clay Pit Pond:** Mary Trudeau noted that the Girls Scout troop who had landscaped the flag pole at Clay Pit Pond have requested a rain barrel to facilitate summer watering. The Commission noted that the land is owned by the School Department, and maintained by the Department of Public Works, and any permission should be sought through those Departments.

**Rock Meadow:** Mary Trudeau reported that there had been an incident with "air soft" guns and teenagers using the meadow for recreational use of the guns. The police department has reviewed the activity and found it inappropriate for a public park.

**Underwood Pool: Joel Mooney**

Joel Mooney presented the most current site plan of the upcoming pool project to the Commission. The Commission noted that the work will require the filing of a Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission. The Commission advised Mr. Mooney that the filing will require a comparison of the pre and post development permeable and impermeable surfaces on the site.

**Belmont Manor Rain Garden Status Report**

Mary Trudeau reported that her inspection of the rain garden at the Belmont Manor Nursing home site showed an incomplete project. It did not appear that the area had been successfully stabilized, nor had it been planted in accordance with the site plans approved in the Order of Conditions.

**178 Marsh Street – ANRAD- Public Hearing:**

Rich Kirby, of LEC, represented the project proponent Don Chiofaro. The ANRAD filing proposed the delineation of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, Isolated Land Subject to Flooding resource areas, as well as depictions of two isolated vegetated wetland areas. The site is an approximately seven (7) acre parcel located between Marsh Street and Woodbine Road, and abutting land owned by Habitat/Audubon.

The Commission had several concerns with the filing. The following represents a partial list of the items discussed at the hearing:

1. The applicant has not submitted DEP Data Forms for any of the wetland delineations proposed.
2. DEP Data Forms would be particularly useful in the areas between the isolated and bordering vegetated wetland plant communities.
3. The flagging was done in 2011, and the observed high water during the spring of 2014 greatly exceeds the limits of the areas flagged on the site. The Commission noted that some flags were unviewable due to the depth of water within the pools.
4. The Commission questioned the assumptions used in the calculation of the Isolated Land Subject to Flooding Resource Areas.
5. The Commission questioned whether the topography reflected a field survey.
6. The Commission noted that historic maps showed the Atkins Brook as being located on the site;
7. The Commission discussed the potential vernal pools on the site.
8. Roger Wrubel noted that he had sent documentation of the presence of wood frogs within two of the potential vernal pools to the NHESP program.
9. Rich Kirby noted that the ILSF calculations had been performed by Al Galla.
10. The Commission requested a site visit to inspect the delineation.
11. The Commission asked whether this site was considered the headwaters of a stream.
12. David Webster agreed to present written comments on the ANRAD filing.
13. The Commission asked that Mary Trudeau research third party consultants and provide a list to Rich Kirby for review.
14. The Commission agreed to contact DEP with questions concerning the vernal pool habitat on the site.
15. The Commission agreed to a site visit at 4 pm on May 27, 2014.

At the request of the applicant, Rich Kirby asked that the public hearing be continued until the June 3, 2014 meeting of the Commission.

David Webster moved to accept the request, and the motion was seconded by Margaret Velie, and unanimously approved.

**Community Preservation Act Projects:**

Amanda Sloane, of Beta Group, was present to discuss the upcoming work on the Intergenerational Walking Path at Clay Pit Pond. She noted that she needed a signed copy of the contract with the Town, and Mary Trudeau agreed to locate and procure a copy for Amanda.

Ms. Sloan discussed the proposed master plan. David Webster reminded the Commission that the goal of the project is to produce a plan for a walking path. Ms. Sloan discussed the need for a comprehensive planning meeting for all stakeholders in the project. This meeting will allow for a variety of opinions and interests to be represented, and create an opportunity for the community to participate in the planning.

Mary Trudeau agreed to book a room at the High School on June 10, 2014 to allow for a "charette" session with the Commission, various stakeholders and the general public.

The Commission discussed the possibility of a short survey designed to incorporate additional public comments. The survey could be put on the Town Web site.

The Commission agreed to advertise the June 10, 2014 meeting.

**Adjourn**

David Webster moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 pm; Margaret Velie seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm.