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MEETING MINUTES
Belmont Conservation Commission
June 2, 2015 Meeting Minutes
Room 2 Town Hall
7:00 pm

APPROVED

Attendees:

Members: James Roth (Chairman) David Webster (vice Chairman), Charles Chiang; Miriam Weil; Margaret Velie, Jeffrey North

Conservation Agent: Mary Trudeau

7:05 Review of Minutes of May 12, 2015 meeting

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the May 12, 2015 meeting.

Margaret Velie moved to accept the minutes as written and the motion was seconded by Miriam Weil, and the motion was approved unanimously.

7:10 Ratification of Enforcement Order issued for 275 Somerset Street:

The Commission discussed the Enforcement Order issued by Mary Trudeau (as Agent of the Commission) for observed violations of the Wetlands Protection Act at 275 Somerset Street. After discussion, it was determined that the violations did not occur within a Riverfront Area resource area as the stream is intermittent at the intersection with Somerset Street. The Commission determined that it was likely that the alterations involved clearing of vegetation within the jurisdictional 100 foot buffer zone, and possibly within Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. The Commission drafted a revised enforcement action reflecting these revisions.

David Webster moved, and the motion was seconded by Miriam Weil, to issue an enforcement action for un permitted removal of woody vegetation from Buffer Zone and Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at the 275 Somerset Street property. The motion was unanimously approved.

7:20 Tim Fallon: Firefly Collection

The Commission discussed a request from Tim Fallon, an entomologist, for permission to collect fireflies at Rock Meadow. His request included a description of his research program, and the method of hand collection to be employed.

David Webster moved, seconded by Miriam Weil, to allow Tim Fallon to collect up to 100 fireflies during the summer of 2015. The motion was unanimously approved.

7:30 Notice of Intent filing for 96 Agassiz Avenue (DEP File Number: not assigned as yet)

Jarrod Goetzel and Laura VanderHart presented a landscaping plan for the property at 96 Agassiz Avenue. The property lies within 200 feet of Beaver Brook, and within the jurisdictional buffer zone of associated Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. Noting that the project would result in a net loss of impervious cover, the proposed work included installation of pavers; removal of existing bituminous concrete; planting of native vegetation; creation of footpaths and stairs to access new terraced yard areas; and the installation of a hot tub.

Discussion included compliance with the Rivers Protection Act regulations and the restoration of a 25 foot vegetated buffer along the northern property line, adjacent to the Reservation.

David Webster moved to issue a standard Order of Conditions, and the motion was seconded by Margaret Velie, and unanimously approved.

8:15 Informal Discussion: Woodfall Road, Lot 4

Erik Rhodin, Al Gala, Caitlin Mueller and Danny Chedid attended the discussion. Erik Rhodin discussed the upcoming filing of a Notice of Intent for the proposed development of Lot 4, within the 108 Woodfall Road property subdivision. He noted that work would be within the 100 to 200 foot Riverfront Area on the property, but that the intent was to leave the 0 to 100 foot Riverfront Area intact. The Commission noted that the work would be incorporating the existing wetlands delineation, and that plans should locate significant trees. The Commission discussed the need for compliance with the local stormwater bylaw, and Al Gala briefly addressed the strategy for this lot, noting that infiltration would be incorporated into the design.

The Commission agreed to meet on June 23, 2015 to hold a public hearing for the anticipated Notice of Intent filing. The Commission waived the filing of materials deadline, and requested that packets containing the Notice of Intent materials be delivered to the Commissioners homes by Monday June 22, 2015.

The Commission requested a site visit to view the conditions on the lot be scheduled for 6:30 pm on June 22, 2015. Erik Rhodin agreed to schedule this inspection with Rich Kirby, of LEC.

9:20 Appointment to the Community Preservation Act Committee

The Commission discussed the appointment of a member to the CPA. Margaret Velie noted that she was willing to continue with the role of representative, and that she is the Chair of the CPA Committee.

Upon a motion by Charles Chiang, a second by Jim Roth, the Commission voted to appoint Margaret Velie as representative to the Community Preservation Act Committee. Margaret Velie abstained.

Adjourn

David Webster moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm; Charles Chiang seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.