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MEETING MINUTES
Belmont Conservation Commission
December 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes
Room 2 Town Hall
7:00 pm

Attendees:

Members: James Roth (Chairman); Margaret Velie, Charles Chiang, Christopher Morris; Miriam Weil, Julie Heller, Jeff North

7:05 Review of Minutes of November 17, 2015 meeting

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting.

Miriam Weil moved to accept the minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting, Christopher Morris seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as written.

Miriam Weil moved to set a Conservation Commission meeting for January 5, 2016 at 7 pm. The motion was seconded by Margaret Velie, and unanimously approved.

7:15 275 Somerset Street – Discussion of Enforcement Action

Jim Roth noted that he had viewed the site with Mary Trudeau, and had no issue with the removal of the specified trees along the Somerset Street frontage. The Commission discussed the need to have vegetation supporting the buffer zone areas.

Chris Morris moved, seconded by Miriam Weil, to request the Conservation Agent make a recommendation on the size and type of vegetation to be added to the buffer zone as mitigation for the removal of live trees from within jurisdictional areas. The motion was unanimously approved.

7:30 Election of Officers:

Margaret Velie nominated Jim Roth as Chairman of the Conservation Commission, and the motion was seconded by Jeff North. The vote was unanimous

Jim Roth nominated Jeff North as Vice Chairman of the Conservation Commission, and the motion was seconded by Margaret Velie. The motion passed unanimously.

7:45 Pine Allee: Jeff North presented the Pine Allee Assessment prepared for the Judith K Record Fund. The report indicates that there are measures needed to ensure the safety of

the public within the Allee. This work includes pruning and tree removal. The report also details the soil amendments needed to facilitate and ensure the success of new planting within the Allee.

Jeff reported that the work will be funded by the Judith K Record fund, and that some of the work should be done sooner rather than later.

The Commission noted that a vernal pool lies within the Isolated Land Subject to Flooding, and that this may limit the work proposed. Jeff noted that the wetlands would be flagged to determine the extent of the alterations and the proposed impacts.

Chris Morris moved to have the vernal pool and adjacent wetlands vegetation flagged independently by a wetlands consultant. The motion was seconded by Jeff North and approved unanimously.

7:55 Dog Waste Station at Rock Meadow: The Commission discussed the issue of dog waste disposal at Rock Meadow. The station has been ordered but not yet installed. The cost will be included in the line item within the Community Development budget for the maintenance and mowing of Rock Meadow. .

8:00 Community Preservation Act projects:

Margaret Velie noted that the CPA filings have been received by the committee and are under review. She note that the CPA will be requested to give an extension to the 30 month time line for the water line project in Rock Meadow.

The Commission discussed the two projects sponsored by the Commission in the current round of CPA grants. Margaret Velie noted that the Commission needs to reach out to other towns and discuss the use and implementation of the Conservation Funds in other municipalities.

The Commission noted that the Commission is tentatively scheduled to meet with the Board of Selectmen to discuss the Clay Pit Pond project on December 14, 2015. The Commission noted the need to review the ownership of Clay Pit Pond and the need to involve all parties in the master planning for the park.

Adjourn

Christopher Morris moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm; Charles Chiang seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.