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MEETING MINUTES
Belmont Conservation Commission
February 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes
Room 2 Town Hall
7:00 pm

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Attendees:

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

Staff: Mary Trudeau, Agent

Others:

7:05 Review of Minutes of January 5, 2016 meeting

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the January 5, 2016 meeting. **Miriam Weil moved to accept the minutes of the January 5, 2016 meeting, as amended. Christopher Morris seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as written.**

7:15 Certificate of Compliance – 240 Somerset Street (106-62 and 106-100)

The Board signed the partial Certificate of Compliance for DEP File Number 106-62, as voted at the January 5, 2016 meeting of the Commission. The full Certificate of Compliance for the DEP File Number 106-100 was signed, and issued, after the January 5, 2016 meeting.

7:30 Request for Determination of Applicability: 434 Concord Avenue: MBTA Monopole

No one was present to represent this project, and the Commission continued the discussion until the March 8, 2016 meeting of the Commission.

7:35 Rock Meadow and the Community Gardens:

The Commission discussed a pilot program for chicken meat and egg laying projects at Rock Meadow. Mary Trudeau noted that Joan Teebagy is interested in an educational pilot showing sustainable meat and egg raising within a suburban environment. Mary reported that a more formal proposal may be forthcoming. The Commission noted that the Board of Health would be required to approve any livestock projects at Rock Meadow. The Commission also suggested that the Land Management Committee be consulted as the land to the north of the Barn on Mill Street could be a suitable location for a poultry raising project.

The Commission briefly discussed upcoming work projects with both the Senior High School students and a Temple work crew.

7:45 Community Preservation Act projects:

Margaret Velie noted that the request for funds from the CPA to create a "Conservation Fund" had been withdrawn. The Commission discussed submission of similar proposal in future years.

Mary Trudeau stated she has begun reaching out to the various stakeholders for the Clay Pit Pond Intergenerational Walking Path, and has the support of the local Veterans Group. She reported that she has discussed ongoing maintenance needs with Jay Marcotte, of the DPW, and that he is agreeable to the proposal.

The Commission discussed future projects with CPA grants, noting that the control of invasive and non native plant species could be funded with a grant. The Commission noted that "mowing" is likely considered a maintenance activity and is not eligible for CPA funding.

Adjourn

Christopher Morris moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm; Charles Chiang seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.