

MINUTES Belmont Conservation Commission Meeting

March 13, 2012 in Room 1, Town Hall at 7:00 P.M.

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

The next meeting is April 3, 2012.

Attendance: Acting Chair: David Webster, William McCants, Jeff North, Margaret Velie, Faustino Lichauco and Mary Trudeau (Agent).

Joan Teebagy, Anne-Marie Lambert

Approval of February 7, 2012 Meeting Minutes

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

Beekeeping at Rock Meadow Spring and Summer of 2012

Joan Teebagy presented her request to have between 1 and 3 hives at Rock Meadow during the 2012 growing season. She noted that her use is compatible with both the proposed grazing and the other beekeeping proposals for the property.

Jim Roth moved to approve the use of Rock Meadow for up to three hives as requested by Ms. Teebagy. The motion was seconded by Tino Lichauco and was unanimously approved.

Community Preservation Act Discussion

Margaret Velie discussed projects that could be funded with CPA monies. She noted that a Primary Land List could be prepared with funding, and that a Conservation fund could be established. A Conservation fund has been found to be useful, by other Towns, in preparing projects for presentation at Town Meeting. Monies from the fund could be expended to make sure that purchases are appropriate and that the research required prior to purchase is completed.

Community Gardens Discussions

The Commission discussed a request from Joe Finn to continue his tree swallow and bluebird nesting project during the growing season of 2012. The Commission noted that Joe had been very successful during the past year, and that the nesting project was a valuable component of the managed meadow.

William McCants moved to allow Joe Finn to continue his nesting project under the same terms issued in 2011. Jeffrey North seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve the issuance of a letter authorizing the bird boxes and their maintenance.

The Commission briefly discussed the mowing of Rock Meadow in the upcoming months. Jeff North noted that the mower could be used on the Lone Tree Hill site, as well as Rock Meadow. It was noted that we would need to coordinate with Joe Finn, and develop a mowing schedule and maintenance program that would allow both sites to benefit from the mower. Mary Trudeau agreed to invite Joe Finn to the April 3, 2012 meeting to discuss his availability and recommendations for the mower use. Jeff North noted that the Commission could apply to the Judith K Record fund for a grant to assist in the payment of the annual mowing fees, as the 2012 mowing is not covered in the WHIP contract.

UPLANDS SITE

The Commission discussed recent actions on this appeal. Tino Lichauco noted that he had filed two motions, on behalf of the Commission, concerning the remand and rebuttal of the Stormwater Standard 3 issue. Mr Lichauco noted that he has an additional brief to be filed.

Ann-Marie Lambert noted that she was requesting that any discussions concerning the proposed Conservation Restriction be held in public forum. She noted that a variety of wild life has been seen at the site, including two mink.

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 10:00, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:01.

MEETING NOTICE
Belmont Conservation Commission
March 13, 2012 Agenda
Town Hall, Room 1
7:00 pm

AGENDA

- 7:00 Call to Order
- 7:10 Minutes of February 7, 2012
- 7:15 Request for BeeKeeping Permit from Joan Teebagy
- 7:20 Community Preservation Act project priorities and criteria
- 7:25 Community Gardens Update (blue bird reports; garden registration)
- 7:30 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
- 8:00 Adjourn

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Margaret Veli

ConCom

Faustino Lichauco

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Joan TEERABY

Jeff North Con Com

James Roboth

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David M. Webster

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William McCarty CON COM

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