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**MINUTES: Belmont Conservation Commission Meeting**

Minutes of May 3, 2011 meeting.

The meeting was called to order in Room 2 of Town Hall at 7PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2011.

**Attendance:** , Miriam Weil, David Webster, Martha Moore , Margaret Velie, Jeffrey North, Jim Roth, Tino Lichauco , Associates Barbara Gardner, William McCants and Brian Kelder. Mary Trudeau, Conservation Agent arrived at 8:30. Also attending were Glenn Clancy, Jane Shoplick, Jenny Ta and Susan Danseyar.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES OF Mary 1 and April 5, 2011 MEETING**

The minutes were reviewed, and a motion by David Webster to approve the minutes as amended was seconded by Margaret Velie, and passed unanimously.

**50 Common Street – Enforcement Action**

The Commission asked that Mary Trudeau contact Joe DeStefano and request his presence at the June 7, 2011 meeting of the Conservation Commission. Discussion included the need to add additional seasonal plantings within the Riverfront Area prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance. As the applicant was not represented at the meeting the discussion was tabled to allow for a representative of DESCO to be present.

**240 and 250 Somerset Street project:**

Mary Trudeau noted that she had met with Dan Soline and agreed on an arrangement of naturalizing shrubs within the wetland and buffer zones on these properties. She noted that she had agreed to allow the removal of Buckthorn from buffer zone areas to increase the available planting areas for the native shrubs.

**Letter from Marian Christy concerning landscaping debris in wetlands:**

The Commission discussed the correspondence from Ms Christy and asked that Mary Trudeau draft a response. The Commission noted that the property was privately owned and that any work within jurisdictional areas would require the filing of a Notice of Intent.

**Concord Avenue Notice of Intent filing:**

Glenn Clancey, of the Belmont Office of Community Development, represented the proposed Concord Avenue roadway improvements plan to the Commission. Work consists of a full depth reconstruction of Concord Avenue from Mill Street to the Lexington Town Line. Work is limited to within the right of way, and the contractor will

be required to install erosion controls along sections of roadway within the one hundred foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Erosion controls are to include staked haybales and entrenched siltation control fencing, as well as the use of catchbasin liners within drainage structures.

Margaret Velie noted that the application did not include flood plain calculations showing work within this resource area, and that this should be corrected. Mr. Clancy agreed to do this.

David Webster moved to issue an Order of Conditions allowing the work as proposed, the motion was seconded by James Roth, and the vote was unanimous to approve the project.

**Discussion of Transfer Station Land Use Options:**

Glenn Clancy discussed the future of the Transfer Station land, off of Mill Street, with the Conservation Commission. Mr. Clancy noted that the landfill capping has not been completed, and that this work must be done prior to any re use of the site. There have been a variety of proposals for the site, and no decisions have been made for the land. The Commission noted that as the Commission has jurisdiction over portions of the site, any future development could be the subject of a Notice of Intent filing.

**Notice of Intent filing for 233 Prospect Street**

Jane Shoplick, Landscape Architect, presented the proposed construction of a landscaped terrace to the Commission. The work was proposed within a presently landscaped area, and will result in the removal of a small, impermeable concrete patio. The new terrace will be permeable, and have drainage incorporated into the design. Ms. Shoplick noted that recent construction of an addition to the existing dwelling had resulted in work within jurisdictional buffer zone areas. She stated that this work had been included, retroactively, in the current Notice of Intent filing.

The Commission discussed the delineation of wetlands proposed, and noted that at least one flag appeared to be located below the actual limit of wetlands, but that the work proposed was clearly more than fifty feet from the estimated edge of wetlands. The Commission also noted that the existing haybale barrier was inundated with silt and was not protecting down gradient areas.

David Webster moved to issue an Order of Conditions approving the project, but not approving the wetlands delineation. The motion also required the immediate rehabilitation or replacement of the erosion controls located to the rear of the garage addition.

**Upcoming Work Parties:**

April 9, 2011 – Garden work party  
May 15, 2011 – Mitzvah event for Temple Beth El  
Senior Service Day - June 1, 2011

**GIS Mapping and preparation of educational materials:**

The Commission discussed the usefulness of GIS Mapping and the desire to incorporate the Town Wetlands Maps into the GIS data base.

**Uplands Project:**

The Commission discussed the pending litigation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 pm

May 3, 2011

Name	Affiliation
Miriam Weil	Con Com
Jenny Ta	Belmont Resident
Susan Janscya	Belmont Patch
Margaret Velic	Con Com
David Webster	Con Comm
Murth Moore	Con Com
Barbara Gardner	Assoc. Con Com
F. A. Lichauco	Con Com
William McCarty	Assoc. - Con Com
Brian Kelder	Assoc. - Con Com
James R. Little	Con Com
Jane Shoplick	Shoplick Associates landscape arch.
GLOW Clancy	Town of Belmont.
Manfredi	Con Com Agent

