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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Belmont Conservation Commission**  
**June 5, 2012 Town Hall, Room 2**  
**7:00 pm**

**Attendance:** Jeffrey North, Margaret Velie, Tino Lichauco, Jim Roth, William McCants, Vice Chair: David Webster, Chair: Miriam Weil and Mary Trudeau (agent)

Peter Boyajian  
Mona Lomas  
Anne Marie Lambert  
Scott Goddard          Goddard Consulting  
Ellen Maas  
Michael Baram  
Patrick Herron MyRWA  
Teresa Alexander – First Armenian Church, trustee  
Neal Winston – Belmont Land Trust

7:00            Call to Order

Miriam Weil called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

7:10            Review Minutes of April 3, 2012 and May 1 and May 15, 2012

The minutes for the meeting of April 3, 2012 were reviewed. James Roth motioned, seconded by David Webster, to approve the minutes of April 3, 2012 as amended. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as amended.

The minutes of May 1, 2012 were reviewed. James Roth moved, seconded by William McCants, to approve the minutes of May 1, 2012 as amended. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as amended.

The minutes of the public portion of the May 15, 2012 meeting were reviewed. David Webster moved, seconded by James Roth, to approve the Minutes of May 15, 2012 as amended. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as amended.

7:15            Belmont Land Trust: Conservation Restriction on Weeks Land

Neal Winston of the Belmont Land Trust discussed the proposed Conservation Restriction with the Conservation Commission. The CR is proposed for the land known as the Weeks property, adjacent to the Habitat Land off of Somerset Road. The 2.59 acre lot provides a link between two

existing properties, both with Restrictions in place. Mr. Winston asked the Commission to vote to affirm the public interest served by the implementation of the Conservation Restriction. Faustino Lichauco moved that the Commission vote to affirm the support of the Conservation Commission in the acceptance of the Conservation Restriction by the Belmont Land Trust. The motion was seconded by William McCants, and the vote was unanimous to affirm the support of the Commission for the Conservation Restriction.

8:00            Request for Administrative Changes to Determination of Applicability for 15 Grey Birch Circle

On behalf of his client and owner, Mr. Goddard discussed his dissatisfaction with the language of the special conditions attached to the Determination of Applicability for the 15 Grey Birch Circle property. Mr. Goddard noted that he had appealed the issuance of the Negative Determination of Applicability to the Department of Environmental Protection. The Commission agreed to change all references to the "Order" to "Determination" and to issue the Determination with the Conditions noted at the May 1, 2012 meeting.

James Roth moved to approve the administrative changes, and the motion was seconded by David Webster. The vote was unanimous to approve the Determination with the revised language. .

7:45            Notice of Intent for Invasive Plant Species Control at Belmont Public Library

Ralph Clover discussed his proposal to begin a program of treating Japanese Knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*). Mr. Clover noted that he would cut back the plant early in the growing season, and use a concentrated application of glyphosate on cut stems at the end of the growing season. He noted that he would only be treating a limited portion of the noxious weed, and was intending only to curtail the spread of the plant into the garden at the Library.

David Webster moved to issue an Order of Conditions regulating the work proposed with the standard conditions, and the motion was seconded by James Roth. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the project.

8:00            Request for Determination of Applicability – 190 Prospect Street

Rebecca Leeb requested that the Commission allow her to connect her home at 190 Prospect Street to the gas main within the roadway. She noted that there is no gas connection to the house presently, and that National Grid had proposed a connection at the north end of her property. While the connection is within fifty feet of the intermittent stream on her lot, there is no better location that would be further from the wetland.

David Webster moved to issue a Negative (2) Determination of Applicability with the standard conditions. The motion was seconded by Tino Lichauco and approved unanimously by the Conservation Commission.

8:15            Patrick Herron of MyRWA presentation

Patrick Herron of MyRWA gave a short presentation on the condition of stormwater runoff in Belmont. He noted that all of the water collected in Belmont discharges to other municipalities within the watershed. Mr. Herron expressed concern with the quality of runoff from Belmont, and urged the Commission to work within the Town to strategize and improve storm water runoff.

8:30                    UPLANDS (DEP 106-0072) update and discussion

David Webster summarized recent activity on the Uplands litigation and the general discussions that have been ongoing with the appeals.

Idith Haber discussed the implications of a clay layer that has been found in historic records of soil borings on the Uplands site.

Ann Marie Lambert discussed her walk with the Belmont Tree Warden and commented on the silver maple trees that will be lost during the proposed construction.

**Miriam Weil moved, and the motion was seconded by David Webster to enter executive session to discuss litigation strategy. After a roll call vote, 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 10:44 and adjourned at approximately 10:45.