

Belmont Conservation Commission Meeting August 7, 2007 Town Hall Selectmen's Room
7:00 PM

Attendance: Chair: Miriam Weil, Members: Joe Curro, Margaret Velie, David Webster
Associates: Tino Lichauco
Agent: Mary Trudeau
Public: Kathryn Christopher

Minutes:

The Commission discussed the Open Meeting Guidelines, dated September 2003, as promulgated by Martha Coakley. David Webster moved that all future meeting minutes are to follow the Open Meeting Guidelines including the guidance given on minimum information required in meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Margaret Velie, and unanimously approved in a 4-0 vote.

Minutes of June 26, 2007 discussed, but not approved. David Webster moved that Mary Trudeau review minutes for accuracy and to present a revised copy for review at the September 11, 2007 meeting of the Commission. The motion was seconded by Margaret Velie, and unanimously approved in a 4-0 vote.

Agents Report

Mary Trudeau gave a reporting of recent correspondence and activities related to the Conservation Commission. She noted that she had been monitoring the commencement of work at Rock Meadow (USDA cost share program) and she had met with several of the placePlaceNameVictory PlaceTypeGarden gardeners. The Commission continued the discussion of the gardens until after the public hearing section of the meeting.

Enforcement Actions:

addressStreet115 Oliver Road: Joe Curro moved that the Commission send a letter to the homeowner requiring the submission of an As Built plan by September 11, 2007, or warning that the Commission would take a formal enforcement action if the plan is not received by that date. The motion was seconded by David Webster, and unanimously approved by the Commission in a 4-0 vote.

addressStreet68 Stonybrook Road: David Webster moved that the Commission send an enforcement letter to the homeowner stating that work on the recently installed irrigation system and the removal of indigenous vegetation from within the Riverfront Area and one hundred foot buffer zone was a violation of the wetlands protection act and requires a filing of a Notice of Intent. The motion was seconded by Joe Curro, and unanimously approved by the Commission in a 4-0 vote.

Notice of Intent (NoI) for addressStreet65 Oliver Road: Hearing opened 7:45 PM Kathryn Christopher presented the updated plan and a set of drainage calculations showing that a roof runoff infiltration system had been incorporated onto the site plan. Revised plan showed that, consistent with Conservation Commission policy, there was no work within twenty five feet of a protectable wetlands resource area, and that erosion and siltation controls would be installed at the limit of work line, approximately fifty feet above the bank of Little Pond. The Commission noted that the applicant could use siltation control fencing or a line of staked straw bales as an erosion control barrier. Ms Christopher stated that the existing slate patio abutting the garage on the pond side would be removed.

Margaret Velie moved to close the public hearing and issue an Order of Conditions (standard conditions with an additional condition requiring the removal of the slate patio) for the project. The motion was seconded by David Webster, and unanimously approved in a 4-0 vote.

New Business/Old Business:

addressStreet40 Howells Road: will be filing a Notice of Intent, hiring a wetlands consultant to delineate resources on the property. Mary Trudeau noted that the homeowner has agreed to file for the September 11, 2007 meeting.

Residences at placePlaceNameAcorn PlaceTypePark Third Party Reviewer: Mary Trudeau agreed to try and arrange a workshop session with Scott Horsley prior to the September 11, 2007 public hearing with the applicant.

placePlaceNameCommunity PlaceTypeGardens: The Commission discussed the establishment of a committee to oversee the gardens. Joe Curro expressed an interest in working with the gardeners, and the Commission noted that Monica King might be interested, as well.

Mary Trudeau noted that she has been unable to persuade Bruce Westgate to turn over the passbook account containing the rental receipts for the gardens. David Webster moved that the Commission send a letter to Bruce Westgate reminding him of his legal obligation to put all monies collected for the garden rentals in a town account, as required by law. Joe Curro seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous for approval, with a 4-0 vote.

Election of Officers was not held: David Webster moved that the Commission hold elections at the next meeting where all members of the Commission are present. The motion was seconded by Joe Curro, and unanimously approved in a 4-0 vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM
Submitted by Mary Trudeau, Agent

