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MINUTES: Belmont Conservation Commission Meeting September 13, 2011

The meeting was called to order in Room 2 of Town Hall at 7PM.
The next meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2011.

Attendance: , Miriam Weil, David Webster, Martha Moore , Margaret Velie, Jeffrey North, Jim Roth, Tino Lichauco , Associates Barbara Gardner, William McCants and Mary Trudeau, Conservation Agent.

REVIEW OF MINUTES OF August 2, 2011

The minutes were reviewed by the Commission and discussed. David Webster made a motion to approve the minutes of August 2, 2011, as amended. The motion was seconded by Margaret Velie, and was passed unanimously.

Appointment to the Community Preservation Act Committee:

Margaret Velie, a member of the Conservation Commission, has agreed to represent the Commission on the CPA Committee.

Appointment and Reappointment of Conservation Commission Members

The Selectmen have scheduled the appointments and reappointments for September 26, 2011. Miriam Weil noted that she would be attending the meeting, and that other members should join her.

Eagle Scout Project – Gregory LaBombard

Gregory LaBombard discussed his Eagle Scout project goals with the Commission. Miriam Weil stated that the removal of the antiquated backstops from Rock Meadow would be a worthy project. David Webster discussed the logistics of the removal with Mr. LaBombard, and noted that Gregory would need to file a Request for Determination of Applicability for the work. The Commission discussed the need to control poison ivy within the locus, and noted that the Commission could arrange for this to be professionally treated, prior to the scheduled work date.

Mr. LaBombard agreed to research his project, noting that he would be in contact with Mary Trudeau soon.

Thomas Clark House Relocation – Eric Rhodin

Eric Rhodin gave an informal presentation showing the potential relocation of the Thomas Clark House to a site on Royal Road. Mr Rhodin noted that the wetlands on a portion of the site had been flagged by Oxbow Associates. The Commission noted that the flagging did not fully represent the wetland resource areas present on the entire

parcel. Mr Rhodin noted that the preference at this point, from his point of view, is to relocate the house next to the Lions Club building, reconstruct a portion of Common Street, create additional street parking, and potentially develop other area within the locus for residential use. Mr. Rhodin noted that this would involve private development interests, and likely not be fully funded by the Town of Belmont. He noted that the proposal would require multiple reviews and Town Meeting approval. Mr. Rhodin asked for a vote of confidence from the Commission.

David Webster moved, seconded by Martha Moore, to encourage Mr. Rhodin to continue to pursue the relocation potential of the Royal Road site by submitting a more concrete proposal through a Notice of Intent filing, which includes a wetlands delineation for the lands at the west end of the Royal Road parcel.

56 Fletcher Road – Notice of Intent filing (106-109)

Richard Kirby of LEC represent Fiona and Eamon Casey in their filing of a Notice of Intent to restore and revegetate wetland, buffer zone and Riverfront Area resource areas on the 56 Fletcher Road property. Mr. Kirby noted that inadvertent wetlands alteration by a contractor had caused the conditions found on the property. Mr. Kirby noted that he did not believe that the Winns Brook at the south end of the property is perennial, and the Commission discussed their position that the Brook was perennial. Mr. Kirby noted that he felt that the work within the Notice of Intent reflected the Commission's belief that the stream was perennial.

The work included in the Notice included replanting of the altered Bordering Vegetated Wetland and 25 foot buffer zone with a variety of woody native plantings. He noted that the area had been topdressed with loam, and that the applicant proposed to leave this loam in place. The Commission noted that an alternatives analysis had not been provided, and Mr. Kirby stated that there was no alternative.

Mr. Kirby represented that the areas above this zone had been historically maintained as lawn, and that the applicant proposed the restoration of the areas above the 0 to 25 foot buffer as a lawn. The Commission reviewed aerial photographs, testimony from the Casey's and adjacent property owners, and noted that the lawn condition had not been maintained over the last decade, and that the property appeared to be naturalized, perhaps through benign neglect. The Commission discussed the applicants request to replant only the 0 to 25 foot zone, and asked that the proposal be revised to include additional woody vegetation within the 25 to 100 foot buffer zone and 0 to 100 foot Riverfront Area.

The applicant proposed that 30 percent of the 25 foot to 100 foot buffer zone be planted with woody vegetation. Additionally, the 25 to 40 foot buffer zone (15 feet) will be planted with a mix of native ground covers and woody vegetation. The applicant also proposed restoration of the off site areas that had been altered by the Casey contractor. The Commission generally agreed with this proposal and noted that if the applicant would appropriately revise the site plans and description of work to the modifications

proposed, it was likely that an Order of Conditions could be issued at the October 4, 2011 meeting of the Commission.

The Commission discussed the need to “capture” the ongoing growing season. The Commission and applicant agreed to the Commission issuing an enforcement action, requiring the applicant to commence with the planting of portions of the site. This would allow the work to begin immediately. The enforcement order would cover the wetland restoration areas, the 0 to 25 foot buffer zone and the off site restoration area.

David Webster moved, and the motion seconded by Martha Moore, to issue a an enforcement action requiring the immediate replanting of the wetland, 0 to 25 foot buffer zone and Locke Road right of way per the planting plan submitted with the Notice of Intent for the project. The vote was unanimous to approve the motion.

Snow Storage Discussion:

The Commission discussed the use of a portion of Rock Meadow for snow storage during the 2011 – 2012 winter season. The Commission asked Mary Trudeau to contact EOEA and ascertain that the proposed activity would not constitute a “conversion” of recreational lands.

The Commission suggested that the Pleasant Street gravel pit be considered for snow storage, and note that they would prefer the use of an alternative site. The Commission also suggested the use of the new Mill Street parking area for snow storage, noting that there is less need for parking in the winter months.

Mapping and completion of Mapworks project:

The Commission discussed the need to complete the Mapworks project. The Commission reviewed the draft plan, making a few suggestions to be incorporated into the final plan. Mary Trudeau agreed to forward the changes, along with the location of the new parking lot, across Mill Street, to the design firm.

October 10, 2011 Belmont Serves Day:

David Webster noted that he and Barbara Gardner are organizing the work party for Rock Meadow and that projects could include clipping and cutting of vegetation.

Community Service Work Day:

Miriam Weil agreed to work with the High School to create a project for the Community Service Work day on October 22, 2011.

Uplands Project:

The Commission discussed the lack of news on the pending litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:45 pm

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

Name	Affiliation
Miriam Weil	Con Com (chair)
Margaret Velis	Con Com
Faustin A. Lichaus	Con Com
William McCarty	Assoc.
Barbara Gardner	Assoc, Con Com
Eileen McGatigan	Parent of Scout
Thomas Jernaw	Belmont Lions
Evan Allen	Boston Globe
Gregory Sabonwala	Eagle Scout - Troop 304
Mary Sudean	Conservation Agent.
David Webster	Commissioner
Vincent Stanton	resident (Royal Rd)
ERIK RHODIN	Resident.
Mantra Moore	Con Com
RICHARD A. KIRBY	LEC ENVIRONMENTAL
Zong-Long Liao	Neighbor (50 Fletcher)
Jane - Jane Liao	Neighbor
EAMON CASEY	56 Fletcher Road (R)
Fiona Casey	" " " (R)

MEETING NOTICE
Belmont Conservation Commission
September 13, 2011 Agenda
Town Hall, Room 2
7:00 pm

AGENDA

- 7:00 Call to Order
- 7:10 Minutes of August 2, 2011
- 7:15 **Old Business/New Business/ Correspondence**
- Eagle Scout Project: Gregory LaBombard
 Line Company Architects – Thomas Clark House (Erik Rhodin)
 Appointment to Community Preservation Act committee
- 7:30 56 Fletcher Road Notice of Intent filing
- 8:00 Rock Meadow Discussion (Garden and Mowing update)
 October 22, 2011 Community Service Work Day
 Belmont Serves Work Day October 10 (?) 2011
 EOEa letter and response letter to Town Boards
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- 8:10 GIS mapping and preparation of Educational Materials
 Mapworks Project
- 8:15 Snow Storage at Rock Meadow
- 8:45 UPLANDS (DEP 106-0072) update and discussion
- 9:00 Adjourn