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MEETING MINUTES
Belmont Conservation Commission
October 3, 2017 Meeting Minutes
Room 2 Town Hall
7:00 pm

Attendees:

Members: Jim Roth (Chairman); Miriam Weil; Jeff North; Peg Velie; Chris Morris; Charles Chiang; Dan Nolan (Associate)

Others: Mary Trudeau; Kevin McHugh; Roger Wrubel; Jan Perkins; Christine Perkins; Jason Berger; Calvin Perkins; Zachary Tseng; Tho Elfarsson; Zachary Gillette

7:05 Review of Minutes of August 22, 2017 meeting

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the August 22, 2017 meeting.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the vote was to approve the minutes as amended.

**7:10 Signing of Certificate of Compliance: 64 Lorimer Road
DEP Files 106-0122**

The Commission had approved the issuance of a full Certificate of Compliance on August 22, 2017, and signed the document at this meeting.

7:20 Judith K Record Fund: Roger Wrubel

Roger Wrubel introduced himself as the new executive director of the Judith K Record fund. He noted that the Fund is currently entertaining grant requests, and has an interest in projects such as the control and management of non native or invasive plants.

7:25 CPA Representative:

The Commission discussed the appointment of a representative to the CPA Committee. Noting that Margaret Velie currently serves as the Commission's representative, as well as Chair of the Committee, she was again nominated to represent the Commission.

Based on a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission unanimously voted to appoint Margaret Velie as representative to the CPA Committee.

7:30 Elections of Chair and Vice Chair of the Conservation Commission:

The Commission members discussed the current leadership assignments for the Conservation Commission. Jim Roth noted that he would agree to remain as Chair, if no one else was interested in the position. There were no others who expressed an interest in the position. Jeff North, current Vice Chair, also noted that he was willing to continue in the role, but would be willing to support another member's candidacy. Again, there was no one who expressed an interest in the role.

Based on a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission voted to appoint Jim Roth for another term as Chairman of the Commission.

Based on a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission voted to appoint Jeff North for an additional term, as Vice Chairman of the Commission.

7:35 Beaver Brook Reservation Sprinkler Park Notice of Intent filing (DEP File Number 106-130)

Kevin McHugh of Coneco represented the DCR in the filing of a Notice of Intent for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the existing Spray Deck/Sprinkler Park at Beaver Brook Reservation, off Trapelo Road. Kevin presented the project to the Commission, noting that the project is located within one hundred feet of the Beaver Brook, a perennial waterway. The project will include a complete rehabilitation of the existing facility, including a new surface (rubber rather than concrete) and a new plumbing system which will no longer reuse and treat water in the spray park. Abandoning reuse of spray water will allow for a reduction in staffing. Spray heads will be programmable, and will be able to be programmed for water conservation and limited use. This is not currently available at the existing park. New bathrooms and play areas are also included in the master plan for renovations. The entire park will be ADA compliant.

Mr McHugh noted that the existing water service to the park is from an MWRA trunkline, and is not currently metered. Mr. McHugh detailed the water service connections proposed, explaining that the future water service will be from Trapelo Road, and will be metered. Noting that there is currently a pavement moratorium in Trapelo Road, the future water connection will be stubbed at the frontage to the park, and connected to the main line in the roadway when the moratorium is lifted. Until that point, the feeder line to the Park will remain off of the MWRA trunk line. There will be no connection made to the existing utilities in Agassiz Avenue.

Kevin also noted that the existing outfall to Beaver Brook will be reconstructed. The Commission discussed the point source discharge, and asked for additional information certifying that the discharge is regulated under the DCR NPDES permit currently in place.

The DCR proposes a new walking path at the perimeter of the spray park. This is new impervious cover, and sits above a steep slope leading to the Beaver Brook. The Commission asked for slope stabilization details to be provided by the applicant.

The Commission also asked that the existing flows to Beaver brook be calculated to allow the Commission to better evaluate the proposed impacts.

At the applicant's request, the Public Hearing was continued until October 24, 2017. The Commission agreed to have an Order of Conditions drafted by the meeting date.

Claflin Street: Wetlands Violation

The Commission asked Mary Trudeau to inspect a property on Claflin Street. It was noted that a spoil pile has been set adjacent to the brook, in violation of the Wetlands Protection Act. The Commission expressed concern that sediment might enter the waterway.

Clay Pit Pond: Intergenerational Walking Path

Members of the boys Belmont High School Cross Country Running team attended the meeting. Mary Trudeau gave a brief summary of the work proposed for the Intergenerational Walking Path, and members of the Cross Country Team discussed their concerns with potential changes to their home course, which includes sections of the existing path at Clay Pit Pond. Concerns included the rumor of an impervious surface for the proposed Intergenerational Walking Path. The Commission noted that the path will be permeable, not paved, and that the intent is to maintain the existing route of the path. Ms Trudeau noted that the School Department has been involved in the development of the proposed walking path. It was noted that several other running groups utilize the path, including Northeastern University and the Chenery Middle School.

Adjourn

Upon a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm; as well as a second to the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.