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MEETING MINUTES
Belmont Conservation Commission
March 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes
Room 2, Town Hall
7:00 pm

APPROVED

Attendees:

Members: Jim Roth (Chairman); David Webster; Margaret Velie, Faustino Lichauco, Miriam Weil, Jeffrey North, Charles Chiang
Conservation Agent: Mary Trudeau

NON BCC / OTHERS:

7:05 **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Jim Roth, Chairman.

Approval of Minutes February 4, 2014 Minutes

Margaret Velie moved to accept the minutes of the February 4, 2014 meeting as amended; Jeff North seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Lone Tree Hill Updates:

Jeffrey North discussed the Bat Box project. He noted that six (6) bat boxes were installed at Lone Tree Hill on Martin Luther King Day. Jeff noted that the Land Management Committee was voting to install signage with rules at the March 5, 2014 meeting of the Committee. Jeff also discussed an Earth Day cleanup project.

Bee Keeping at Rock Meadow:

Mary Trudeau noted that Ezequiel Alvarez-Saavedre has applied for two hives, again, this summer and has added Lucia Willie to his team. Mary Trudeau stated that she had discussed the bee keeping projects with Karen LaCourse and Karen has recommended that all new bee keepers be required to complete a USDA bee keeping course prior to being granted a permit to have hives at Rock Meadow. Karen noted that Ezequiel has been a responsible bee keeper and supported his application for summer 2014. Karen also noted that Joan Teebagy has apparently abandoned her hives, and that at least one appears to be drawing yellow jackets. Mary Trudeau noted that she had called Joan and asked her to remove her hives and equipment from Rock Meadow. Joan has agreed to remove them within the next month.

David Webster moved to support Ezequiel's application for two hives, and noted that beginning this summer, all new bee keepers will be required to complete a formal bee

keeping course. The motion was seconded by Miriam Weil, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Underwood Pool

Mary Trudeau relayed conversations with Anne Paulsen concerning site plan issues at the new pool complex proposed for the Concord Road and Cottage Street locus. Mary noted that the current proposal keeps much of the bath house construction outside of jurisdictional areas. Ms Trudeau also stated that due to the configuration of the Wellington Brook and the existing culvert, the Riverfront Area will begin at a point perpendicular to the discharge of the brook at the western property line of the property. This will eliminate any Riverfront Area resource being determined on the locus.

Stormwater Bylaw Review

The Commission discussed the checklist provided by Community Development Office for the implementation of the Regulations under the Stormwater Bylaw. The Commission noted that they would be willing to provide technical assistance in the review of applications on a case by case basis. The Commission noted that they hoped the Operations and Maintenance costs would be included in any assessments rendered in a fee waiver granted under the Bylaw.

State Grant 604(b) Grant Application:

The Commission discussed the potential locations for "green" infrastructure projects. The Commission commented on several sites, including the High School and Library parking lots as having potential.

Community Preservation Act Projects:

The Commission discussed the upcoming bidding of the Clay Pit Pond intergenerational walking path project as well as the ongoing scope development for the Open Space and Housing Inventory project.

Adjourn

Jeff North moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm; Margaret Velie seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.