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MEETING MINUTES
Belmont Conservation Commission
June 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes
Room 2, Town Hall
7:00 pm

Attendees:

Members: **Jim Roth (Chairman)**; David Webster; Margaret Velie, Faustino Lichauco, Miriam Weil, Charles Chiang

Conservation Agent: Mary Trudeau (arrived late)

NON BCC / OTHERS: Joel Mooney, Chris Rotti and Austin Turner

7:05 **Call to Order**

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

Approval of Minutes May 13, 2014 Minutes

The Commission did not vote on the minutes as they had not been circulated prior to the meeting.

Underwood Pool: Joel Mooney, Chris Rotti and Austin Turner

Joel Mooney, Chris Rotti and Austin Turner presented the most current site plan of the upcoming pool project to the Commission. The Commission noted that the work will require the filing of a Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission. The Commission advised Mr. Mooney that the filing will require a comparison of the pre and post development permeable and impermeable surfaces on the site. The Commission also recommended that Riverfront Area resource areas be discussed. Anne Marie Lambert noted that the Stormwater Regulations were being considered at the adjacent Library site and the applicability of the Town Stormwater Bylaw. The project team agreed to file a Notice of Intent for the next meeting of the Commission.

178 Marsh Street – ANRAD- Public Hearing: Continued until June 24, 2014

At the request of the applicant, Rich Kirby asked that the public hearing be continued until the June 24, 2014 meeting of the Commission.

David Webster moved to accept the request, and the motion was seconded by Margaret Velie, and unanimously approved.

Community Preservation Act Projects:

The Commission discussed potential projects for future CPA funding. Discussions included:

1. 1. Establish a Conservation Fund, as described in the Conservation Commission enabling statute. Use the Conservation Fund initially to survey and objectively evaluate properties in Belmont for their potential as future conservation land, through purchase or conversation restriction.
2. 2. Establish an Open Space Preserve Set Aside within the CPA funds for conservation open space as allowable by the CPA statute. As with the Conservation Fund alternative, this open space preserve could be used initially to survey and objectively evaluate properties in Belmont for their advantages as future conservation land, through purchase or conversation easement.
3. 3. Invasive species removal at Rock Meadow, and possibly other public properties, through a contract for licensed herbicide applications and/or pulling. Removal of Black Swallowwort in Rock Meadow would be a prime objective.
4. 4. Fund construction targeted projects to preserve open space and historical features around Clay Pit Pond, currently being developed in the Clay Pit Pond Master Plan. This could include the inter-generational path development or reconstitution.
5. 5. Contribute to a fund to contribute to the acquisition open space or to the initial steps in developing a multi-organizational offer. (It seems this could be combined with project 1 or project 2.)
6. 6. Develop an Ecological Management Plan for Rock Meadow, or a joint Ecological Management Plan for Rock Meadow and the Lone Tree Conservation area, for habitat improvements and invasive species control.

Adjourn

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