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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Belmont Conservation Commission**  
**August 22, 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

Others: Mary Trudeau

**7:05 Review of Minutes of August 1, 2017 meeting**

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the August 1, 2017 meeting.

**Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the vote was to approve the minutes as written. Christopher Morris abstained as he had not attended the August 1, 2017**

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

The Commission reviewed the files for the project, and Mary Trudeau and Christopher reported on the site conditions observed at an Inspection on August 22, 2017

**Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the vote was unanimous to approve the issuance of Certificates of Compliance for the files 106-0122**

**7:20 Lot 1, Oakmont Lane: Enforcement Issue**

The proponents of the Oakmont Lane project, including Erik Rhodin, Dave Scott, Scott Green, and Ed Champy were present to discuss the observed violations along the limit of work line for Lot 1, Oakmont Lane. Mary Trudeau reported observations that the erosion control barrier has been compromised by the spreading of fill materials, and that there may be some amount of deposition within the Isolated Land Subject to Flooding resource area. The proponents agreed to the restoration of the area, including the replacement and relocation of the erosion control barrier.

Mary Trudeau noted that she would be happy to inspect the restoration work, and the proponents noted that they would begin immediately.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission

VOTED                      unanimously to order the restoration of the wetland, including the rehabilitation and/or replacement of the erosion control barrier in the previously approved location.

Mary Trudeau agreed to monitor and inspect the work to restore the site; remove the illicit fill materials from the IVW; and replace the damaged sections of the erosion control barrier.

**7:30    Joan Teebagy: Grazing Pilot Program**

Joan Teebagy appeared before the Commission to discuss the grazing pilot program currently on going at Rock Meadow. Joan reported that coyotes and dogs had been problematic in Belmont this summer, and that had inhibited her ability to employ goats in her grazing program. Joan noted that two goats had been killed at Habitat this summer, and that she was hesitant to leave goats overnight within the fenced area or hut.

Joan noted that she was using cameras at the pens to monitor visitors. She reported one instance of suspicious activity with the sheep and an intruder, but no apparent harm to the animals. Joan felt that the local community was appreciative of the sheep in the meadow, and noted that the pen was a popular stop for visitors to the meadow. She also felt that the stream of visitors was a protective presence for the grazing sheep.

Joan asked permission to set up a circular (forty foot diameter) cattle fence pen, to the north of the existing pen, to allow her dog to work with the sheep. She noted that she might now actually construct the pen, but wanted permission in case she found the initiative to do the installation. Joan reported that the grazing would likely continue until mid October, and that the hut and fencing would be removed when the sheep moved out.

**8:15    Discussion with Belmont Country Club and Conservation Commission:**

Kelly Cardoza, of Avalon Consulting; Attorney Chip Nylen; and Andrew Cable (President of the Country Club) represented the Club. Mr. Nylen noted that he believed the 1999 Order of Conditions issued for the dredging of the stream along Mill Street allowed for perpetual maintenance and dredging of the waterway. The Commission noted that Town Counsel (George Hall) had sent an email to the Commission, stating that in his opinion, the OOC did not allow for this perpetual maintenance and dredging. Mr Nylen asked for a copy of the email, and Ms. Trudeau agreed to ask Mr. Hall for a memorandum suitable for public distribution.

The Commission discussed this difference of opinion between the Town Counsel and Mr Nylen, and noted that they would follow the advice of Town Counsel and require a Notice of Intent filing for the proposed work. The Commission advised the Club that they believed the work could be regulated under a new Order of Conditions, and that such a permit would eliminate the potential for an enforcement action taken for work without a permit, should the Club choose to "use" the 1999 OOC.

Christopher Morris asked the representatives for the status of a Water Quality Certification for the project, noting that in his conversation with Lealdon Langley, the Department agreed that the project would require a valid permit to be issued by the Belmont Conservation Commission under the Wetlands Protection Act. Kelly Cardoza

noted that sediment samples have been taken and that the Club is working on a filing for a WQC.

The Club noted that they would consider the conversation in their internal discussions, and would review their options for permitting the work. The Commission thanked them for their willingness to appear before the Board to try and resolve this issue, and continued to recommend that the Club consider filing a new application for the dredging work.

### **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.**