

# APPROVED

**Belmont Conservation Commission Meeting** January 6, 2009, Room 2 at Town Hall at 7:00 PM

**Attendance** Chair: Miriam Weil, Vice Chair Martha Moore, Members: Jim Roth, Margaret Velie, David Webster, Tino Lichauco, Nancy Davis

Associates: Jeff North, Priscilla Elliot

Public: Barbara Gardner, Gretchen Gaynor, Danny Rics

The Meeting convened at 7:00 pm

The Commission reviewed the minutes of December 2, 2008. After discussion and minor revisions, David Webster moved to approve the minutes of December 2, 2008. The motion was seconded by Jim Roth, and the vote was unanimous.

The Chair noted that the discussion on the Belmont Board of Health's Poison Ivy Management Plan would be continued, at the request of Donna Moultrup, until the February meeting of the Commission.

Mary Trudeau discussed some of the outstanding issues at Rock Meadow. She asked that receipts and volunteer sign in sheets related to the Rails to Trails grant be submitted to allow for reimbursement of expended funds.

Mary Trudeau also discussed the organization of the Community Gardens and noted that several of the gardeners have expressed an interest in creating a management board for the gardens. Ms Trudeau noted that de-centralizing the management could increase the perception of the gardens as an open and transparent agency. The Commission discussed creating a subcommittee to create a list of tasks that could be delegated to the potential garden committee. Nancy Davis, Barbara Gardner and Mary Trudeau agreed to coordinate this list and submit a draft to the Commission by the February meeting.

The Commission discussed the use of the kiosks at Rock Meadow and noted that there is little information in the kiosks. Nancy Davis agreed to contact Joe Finn and ask for birding information to display.

The Commission discussed the unexpended funds in the DCR Trails grant. The grant has \$1800 dollars of unspent funds for path improvement and landscaping plants. Mary Trudeau noted that the work will involve a plan for the use of the funds, and likely a work day or two to implement the plan. She agreed to contact Debbie Hartman and Mike Tabacznski concerning the potential project.

The Commission discussed the general history of the Residences of the Acorn Park project for the benefit of the audience. David Webster gave a brief overview of the regulatory proceedings

as a preface for the Commission convening an Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation.  
The Commission went into Executive Session at 8:15.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM  
Submitted by Mary Trudeau, Agent