

Belmont Conservation Commission Meeting November 3, 2008 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

Agent: Mary Trudeau (left meeting at 8:50)

Public: Barbara Gardner, Thomas Younger, Glenn Clancy, Angelo Firenze, David King, Bob Boone

Minutes:

Minutes of October 7, 2008 were discussed, and approved. Jim Roth moved that the minutes be approved as amended, the motion was seconded by David Webster, and unanimously approved in a 7-0 vote.

Agent Report: Mary Trudeau discussed the status of Rock Meadow gardens. Nancy Davis updated the Commission on illicit dumping observed at Rock Meadow; the success of the work parties on October 25 and November 1, 2008, the need for Bittersweet control in the meadow and the recent sighting of motorbikes in Rock Meadow. She also noted that the piles of wood chips still need to be spread within the meadow.

Nancy Davis mentioned the need to remove the remaining Ailanthus trees.

The Commission discussed the WHIP contract work and requested that Mary Trudeau schedule a site visit with the contractors to review the work to date.

Request for Determination of Applicability for Route 2 Highway Resurfacing:

Bob Boone of Mass Highway, represented the Department at the public meeting. Mr. Boone noted that the work would consist of cold planning and repaving of the highway between Spy Pond and Lexington. Work is proposed only within the roadway, with soft shoulder work and pruning of vegetation being the only work proposed outside of the paved surface.

The Commission discussed the issuance of a Determination with the following additional conditions:

Work outside of the limit of the existing pavement is limited to repairs/replacement of guard rail; soft shoulder repairs; and trimming of vegetation.

Clearing or trimming of vegetation is restricted to areas in front of, or overhanging, the guard rail.

David Webster moved to issue a Negative (3) Determination of applicability with the above noted conditions; the motion was seconded by Nancy Davis and was unanimously approved by a 7-0 vote.

Discussion of proposed minor modifications to Order of Conditions issued to 190 Prospect Street (DEP File number 106-89)

David King, the owner of 190 Prospect Street, submitted a request for minor modifications to the Order of Conditions 106-0089. The request included minor landscaping repairs and improvements to the existing driveway, walkways, foundation and exterior stairs. Mr. King represented that the work would be within the one hundred foot buffer zone and the inner one hundred foot Riverfront Area associated with the stream on the 190 Clifton Street property. No alteration of a resource area was proposed, and the work would not result in an increase in impervious cover within jurisdictional areas.

The applicant noted that the Town of Belmont Office of Community Development had approved the submission of the request for a minor modification, and Mary Trudeau concurred with this characterization.

David Webster moved to approve Mr. King's request for the minor modification. The motion was seconded by Martha Moore, and unanimously approved by the Commission in a 7-0 vote.

Extension of Order of Conditions for DEP File number 106-0089 for Land off of Woodfall Road

Thomas Younger, Town Administrator, Glenn Clancy, Director of the Office of Community Development, and Angelo Firenze, Belmont Board of Selectmen, appeared before the Commission to request an extension to the Order of Conditions issued for the town property off of Woodfall Road in December of 2008. Mr Younger noted that the Order was close to expiration, and that the Town had a prospective buyer for the land who has requested that the Order be extended as part of the purchase agreement. Mr Younger noted that while no work had commenced under the Order of Conditions, there had been unavoidable delays in the development of the parcel.

Nancy Davis asked if there was any new information concerning the original wetland delineation, Applicant indicated that no such information was known to them.

The Commission discussed the implications, on riverfront delineation, of the proposed oxbow on the Belmont Country Club property located to the southwest of the Woodfall Road acreage. The consensus was that alteration of riverfront delineation was of no significance until it had actually occurred. The Conservation Commission requested that a copy of these minutes be given to future bidders on the property.

Faustino Lichauco moved that the Order of Conditions be extended for 18 months, in recognition of the pending Order of Conditions at the Belmont Country Club property that may result in

alteration of boundaries that must be considered in determining the extent to which the proposed construction would alter and adversely affect the interests protected by the Wetlands Protection Act. The motion was seconded by David Webster, and the motion was unanimously passed in a 7-0 vote.

Nancy Davis made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by David Webster, the motion was unanimously approved 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10.00 PM
Submitted by Mary Trudeau, Agent