

## **MINUTES Belmont Conservation Commission Meeting**

Minutes of January 4, 2011 in Room 2 of Town Hall at 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2011

**Attendance:** Mary Trudeau, Conservation Agent, Chair: Miriam Weil; David Webster, Tino Lichauco, Martha Moore, Margaret Velie, Associate: Barbara Gardner.

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| 1. James Savas       | 10 Adams St.                              |
| 2. Bernard Loughran  | 187 Common St.                            |
| 3. Gerald J. Testa   | Sherborn, MA.                             |
| 4. Anton Pesou       | 57 Oliver Rd.                             |
| 5. Stewart A. Karger | 34 Agassiz Av. Belmont Manor Nursing Home |
| 6. Paul Finger       | 281 Winter St. Waltham PFA Associates     |
| 7. Brian Kelder      | 48 Trowbridge St.                         |

### **Review of Minutes of December 7, 2010.**

David Webster moved that the Commission approve the minutes as amended of the December 7, 2010 meeting of the Belmont Conservation Commission. Martha Moore seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as amended.

### **Rock Meadow and Gardens Update**

Mary Trudeau presented the 2010 watering expenses for the gardens, noting that water bills have increased by 40% as a result of new user rates established by the Water Department. This increase may require the recalculation of the rental fees for the gardens. Mary Trudeau agreed to calculate all of the expenditures for Rock Meadow & report to the Conservation Commission. The necessity of increasing the garden fees was discussed, and the Commission reiterated the need for the gardens to be self sufficient and to generate revenues.

The November mowing for the Rock Meadow was done by Bruce Scherer and paid by the Friends of Rock Meadow fund raising & from the funds associated with the USDA WHIP grant. An additional mowing is planned for late May next year for areas with excessively woody vegetation. Barbara Gardner will research grants available to provide maintenance of Community Gardens.

### **Naming of McLean Open Space Land**

Martha Moore attended the Land Management committee meeting January 5<sup>th</sup> & reported that the name “Lone Tree Hill” was selected for the McLean Open Space.

### **Conservation Commission Membership**

Miriam Weil stated that Ralph Jones, Belmont Selectman requested a meeting to discuss the requirements for becoming a member of the Conservation Commission. She has not received a meeting date at this time. Diversity of members with a range of skills was discussed.

### **65 Oliver Road: Notice of Intent filing**

Gerald Testa, the potential owner of this property presented his interpretation of the information needed for a NOI. There were numerous deficiencies noted that are required for the issuance of an Order of Conditions. The public hearing was opened but no action could be taken due to the list of items that were not provided by Mr. Testa. The applicant had not notified the abutters of the public hearing, and this is a condition of the public review process. Additionally, the site plan was deficient in that it did not show the requisite information, including all of the work proposed. The Commission noted that the file for this property appeared to be incomplete as information noted in the Order of Conditions was missing. Of particular concern were the stormwater infiltration calculations. Mr. Loughran, the realtor for the estate of Dorothy Goff the legal owner of this property, noted that he had a copy of the missing information and that he would give Mary Trudeau a replacement copy.

Mary Trudeau will send a letter to Mr. Testa stating all of the information required by the next Conservation Commission meeting.

### **Dates were set for the 2011 Conservation Commission Meetings**

February 1	August 2
March 1	September 13
April 5	October 4
May 3	November 1
June 7 & 28	December 6

### **34 Agassiz Avenue: Notice of Intent**

Paul Finger of PFA Associates represented Stewert Karger, the owner of Belmont Manor Nursing Home. The project involves an addition to the building, requiring the removal of an existing impervious parking lot & relocating impervious parking spaces. The project includes a series of storm water improvements involving the Town of Belmont drain that converges with a Belmont Manor manhole drain. Paul Finger has held meetings with Glenn Clancy about drainage issues with Belmont & with DCR as land

manager for Beaver Brook. There were various details involving the limitations of vegetated wetlands, point source discharge, check dams in water quality swales, surface run off into catch basins, infiltration from down spouts from new & old buildings & several other issues.

Belmont Manor as represented by Paul Finger made a motion to continue the hearing February 1, 2011. At that time Belmont Manor will provide further information concerning the issues that were not resolved at this first hearing. Margaret Velie made a motion to continue the hearing at 7:30 PM on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Tino Lichauco seconded the motion that was approved.

A motion was made by Martha Moore and seconded by Margaret Velie to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 PM.

Next meeting: February 1, 2011.