

Belmont Conservation Commission Meeting

December 2, 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. Associate: Jeff North

Agent: Mary Trudeau

Public: Barbara Gardner, Donna Moultrup, Frank Holmes, Kevin Young, Gerry Blumenthal.

Minutes:

Minutes of November 3 were discussed with correction of address from 190 Prospect St. to 190 Clifton St. As clarified in the minutes Mr. King represented that the work would be done within the 100 foot buffer zone. Nancy Davis stated that the agents' report should add that there is a need to remove a few trees from Rock Meadow.

The corrections to the minutes for DEP File Number 106-0089 was that added to the notes should include implications on the alteration of the riverfront delineation on the property located to the southwest of the Woodfall Road acreage. It was requested by the Conservation Commission members that bidders be given a copy of the minutes.

The minutes of November 3 were approved as amended.

The minutes of November 6 were approved with the correction of the spelling of Michael Baram's name and with some punctuation errors corrected in the last paragraph.

The minutes of November 14 were approved unanimously.

RFD for Poison Ivy Control:

Donna Moultrup, Director of Health for the town of Belmont presented the plan for the determination of applicability for Poison Ivy Control in Belmont.

Donna Moultrup explained that the application of herbicides must be done according to the applicable current Municipal Roadway Vegetation Management Plan. A negative determination is desirable for this preliminary plan according to Donna Moultrup. The Department of Agriculture determines what plants are included and what conditions must be met. Poison Ivy must be included according to the DOA. There is a one-year and a five-year plan. There are two new areas added to this year's list with some other areas removed from last year's list. MSDS sheets are included in the five-year plan.

The Conservation Commission approved the negative determination of this preliminary plan having the application of the herbicide that must be done according to applicable

current Municipal Roadway Vegetation Management including the old and new conditions with the herbicide to be specifically named.

Belmont Hill School Certificate of Compliance

Frank Holmes and Kevin Young presented the certificate of compliance for artificial turf for the ball fields. Frank stated that a sample of the underground water was tested in October 2008 and the TSS result was ND (none determined). The drainage goes directly from the school to the town's 18" water drain line. It was stated that there were minor changes done to the field but none affecting the buffer zone. According to Frank Holmes and Kevin Young the new system is draining well. The Conservation Commission approved the certificate of compliance with the condition that quarterly testing of sampling underground water discharge is not necessary, but urged the school to continue to seek ways to infiltrate stormwater.

25 Greensbrook Way Certificate of Compliance

The request was submitted. It was noted that sod was used on the lawn and the shrubs were transplanted as suggested. The yard is completely stabilized. Nancy Davis moved to approve the Certificate of Compliance. The motion was seconded by Martha Moore, and unanimously approved by the Commission.

Notice of Intent—Shared Use Path (MHD project)

Gerry Blumenthal, a representative of the MA. Highway Department presented the project involving construction of a ten-foot wide asphalt path to replace the current dirt & gravel path from Brighton Street to Alewife Station. The plans include three feet of green shoulders on each side, four feet retaining walls and trees planted along the whole project. There is a 625 -foot section of this path in Belmont. Work will be within the buffer zone. The MA. Department of Recreation and Conservation will maintain the path. David Webster moved to approve the project with conditions that the tree removal be limited to the footprint of the path and adjacent grass buffers and within 15 feet of the retaining wall. Jim Roth seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved with the standard conditions & special conditions that will apply. Gerry Blumenthal stated that construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2009.

David Webster moved to issue an Order of Conditions for the project, the motion was seconded by Nancy Davis, and the motion was unanimous.

Rock Meadow Discussion

Thank you notes are being sent to all of the volunteers who worked on the Rock Meadow bridges & boardwalks. Mary Trudeau is working on reimbursement. The mowing of the fields & obtaining another kiosk was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 9: 30 PM.
Submitted by Barbara Gardner