

BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES

APPROVED

December 29, 2003

Members Present: M. Flamang, J. Curro, J. Smith, K. Baskin.  
Associate Members Present: N. Davis.

Additional Attendees: Joel Mooney, Joyce Munroe, Arthur Katz, Carolyn Bishop,  
Caroline Cole.

This emergency meeting was called to order by M. Flamang.

Joel Mooney explained that the oil tank that had caused the leak was being pulled out this morning. They have set up a water/oil separator at the Burbank. Since then, they have seen very little oil sheen come through to the Pond. They saw no impact to the area around the pipe, only to the area around the tank. They have placed booms at Clay Pit Pond to contain the oil. The east end has been most heavily impacted because of the prevailing winds. They have placed absorbent pads between the bank and the booms, and they are skimming the oil off the water in those areas.

Mr. Mooney has provided a proposed set of conditions. He pointed out that subsequent re-vegetation probably can't be included in an emergency order. It will instead have to be the subject of a subsequent Notice of Intent. They can start work pursuant to the emergency order on January 5. J. Curro will be in constant communication regarding which vegetation can be removed and which can stay.

An emergency order can be issued to be effective for thirty days from its issuance or for sixty days from the start of the emergency action. They started the work on December 12, which would mean a 60-day order would be effective until February 12.

The Order was approved by the Commission as discussed.

The Commission also discussed the haphazard practices at the construction site behind the library. M. Flamang will contact Tom Gatzunis and let him know that the haybales are not staked, and there is a pile of dirt which is not covered there. The dirt could be washed into the stream.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Prepared by:  
Johanna Smith

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