

Belmont Conservation Commission
July 18, 2006
Town Hall Conference Room 4, 7:30 p.m.

Attendees: Miriam Weil, Joe Curro, Margaret Velie, David Webster, Heather Valliant, Stewart Karger, and Tim Field (for Belmont Manor), Matt Goldman and Jeri Weiss (abutters for the Belmont Manor hearing).

Belmont High School - Public Hearing

Bob Martin presented the Belmont Light Department's proposal to install fifteen new light poles, replacing existing ones, around the northern side of Clay Pit Pond. Installation will require a trench 1' wide and 2' deep the entire length. Discussion followed concerning location of silt fencing (up gradient of pond vegetation), soil exposure (they will minimize time exposed), and reseeded (they will reseed as they go).
Minimize soil erosion/cover if exposed for longer than 1 day.
Hay bales, between trench and vegetation
Reseed immediately after completion of work if possible.
The Commission issued an Order of Conditions for the project.

Clay Pit Pond - The Commission issued a Certificate of Completion for work to replace a portion of the wall on the southwestern side of Clay Pit Pond.

Rock Meadow - The clean-up on 7/15 and the possibility of a grant for invasives management from U.S. Fish and Wildlife were reported on.

Belmont Manor Nursing Home - Public Hearing

Original order of conditions for Belmont Nursing Home from 7/28/2000 was DEP #104-17.
Heather Valliant and Tim Field presented the Belmont Nursing Home's proposal for adding on to the building. The new addition will be completely within the 200' Riverfront and partially within the 100' Buffer Zone. Plan to do similar thing to previously proposed. The addition will occur in an area that is currently paved driveway or entrance way. Section 10.58 (5) - Redevelopment within Previously Developed Riverfront Area - requires that the proposed work result in an improvement to existing conditions. Their improvement will be a reduction in the total impervious surface area on the lot of 50 sq ft.

Discussion included: storm water management, street sweeping practices, siltation fence locations, requirement to have drawing stamped by a MA Certified engineer, and the possibility of removing additional impervious surface in unusable area of the parking lot. Consider addition creation of pervious surfaces in places where parking spaces are not located (i.e. between parking spaces 4 and 7).

- Maintenance of storm water management and systems:
 - Erosion controls as documented in plan.
 - Check silt sacks after rain to make sure they are functioning.
 - Check that sediment never gets above ½ filled.
 - Storm water calculations and plan should be signed and sealed by MA profession engineer.
 - Recommend slow-release fertilizer, no pesticides (property is adjacent to brook).
- The Commission issued an Order of Conditions for the project.

Old Business - Discussion of properties with outstanding Orders including 80 Clifton and 240 Somerset. Updates on the O'Neill ZBA process and the Bylaw were also provided. Mary Trudeau should be alerted to these issues.