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MEETING MINUTES
Belmont Conservation Commission
August 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes
Room 4, Town Hall
7:00 pm

Attendees:

Members: **Jim Roth (Chairman)**; Charles Chiang; Margaret Velie, Miriam Weil, Jeff North, Faustino Lichauco
Conservation Agent: Mary Trudeau

NON BCC / OTHERS:

David Kale (Town Administrator)
Sami Bagdady (Selectman)
Ben Dickensheets (Harvard Running Club)
Ann Marie Lambert

7:00 Jim Roth, Chairman, opened the public meeting. The minutes of June 24, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Miriam Weil moved to approve the minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Margaret Velie, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the meetings of June 10, 2014 and noted that they seemed incomplete. The Commission requested that Mary Trudeau ask Beta Group for a copy of their attendance list for the June 10 meeting at Belmont High School and Clay Pit Pond. The Commission agreed to review the June 10 meeting minutes at the September 16, 2014 meeting.

7:10 Jeffrey North reported that the LMC had met in July and approved meeting minutes; discussed the Ecological Management Plan prepared by Jeff Collins; discussed mowing of paths by Joe Finn; and the need for an August mowing by Bruce Scherer.

7:15 Ben Dickensheets of the Harvard X-Country Running Club presented a proposal for the use of Rock Meadow to host an inter collegiate running event in the fall of 2014. Ben noted that the event would likely be held on October 11, 2014. He stated that the proponents would again hire port o let facilities for the event, and would set up a water station and registration table for the event.

7:30 David Kale, Town Administrator, and Sami Bagdady, Vice Chair of Board of Selectmen, requested the Conservation Commission extend the Order of Conditions for the Woodfall Road property for an additional three (3) years to allow for the completion of the due diligence by the prospective buyer of the parcel, and the completion of the sale of the property. David Kale noted that the Order of Conditions upcoming expiration date in September of 2014 could endanger the sale of the property. Sami Bagdady stated that the Selectmen has been involved in negotiations, subsequent to a bid process, and is vested in the current transaction.

Jim Roth noted that he was unlikely to approve a three (3) year extension due to the history of extensions and his desire to revisit the permit to ensure compliance with the current regulations. Faustino Lichauco was concerned with the ability of the Commission to extend the Order under the language of the Regulations for the Wetlands Protection Act.

Jeff North motioned to extend the Order of Conditions for DEP File 106-065 for a two year period of time. The motion was seconded by Margaret Velie, and was unanimously approved.

Jim Roth advised the applicants that an additional extension was unlikely.

8:00 Request for Certificate of Compliance: 65 Vernon Road (DEP File 104-15)

Mary Trudeau reported that she had inspected the 65 Vernon Road property and found the deck to be in substantial compliance with the Order of Conditions. She noted that the historic driveway had been removed and a smaller paved surface added to the site plan, in accordance with the plan of record.

Miriam Weil moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance for the project. The motion was seconded by Faustino Lichauco, and unanimously approved.

8:05 Request for Certificate of Compliance: 56 Fletcher Street (DEP File Number 106-109)

Margaret Velie noted that she had inspected the site. Mary Trudeau noted that she had not inspected the site recently, and advised the Commissioner's to visit the site prior to releasing the Order of Conditions via a Certificate of Compliance. The Commission agreed to delay discussion until the September 16, 2014 meeting.

8:15 Discussion of Rock Meadow Mowing: Mary Trudeau discussed the upcoming mowing of the meadow and the need to fund the mowing. She stated that this mowing was not paid for by the WHIP Cost Share program. Debbie Hartman has done some fund raising for the mowing, and has an approximately \$1700.00 dollar contribution, and the gardener tee shirt sale should bring in an additional few hundred dollars. The estimated mow cost is \$4800.00 dollars. Jeff North suggested that the Commission apply for a grant from the Judith K. Record Memorial Fund, and Mary Trudeau agreed to draft the request.

8:30 Community Preservation Act : Margaret Velie noted that the deadline for submission of projects is likely to be the end of September 2014, with final proposals due later in the fall. Mary Trudeau and Margaret Velie noted that the Environmental Land and Housing Inventory work had been awarded to VHB Associates, and that the project had commenced. Mary Trudeau noted that she had not had much contact with BETA Group concerning the Phased Master Plan for Clay Pit Pond Intergenerational Walking Path, but expected conversations to continue in the next week or so.

8:45 Community Gardens: Mary Trudeau noted that the Irrigation project for the Community Gardens would be rebid at the end of August 2014. She stated that the scope of work had been modified and she hoped to attract a bidder for the work.

8:50 Storm water Management : Ann Marie Lambert briefly reported on the status of the 604B projects at the Library and High School properties.

Adjourn

David Webster moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm; Margaret Velie seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.