

Minutes
Watertown Conservation Commission
Lower Hearing Room
Wednesday, March 5, 2014
7:30 p.m.
Adopted Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Conservation Commission Members Present: Marylouise Pallotta McDermott, Charles Bering, Patrick Fairbairn, Leo Martin, Maria Rose, Lou Taverna

Conservation Commission Member Absent:

Staff Present: Christopher J. Hayward, Patricia Mihelich

Pallotta McDermott chaired.

1) Notice of Intent Public Hearing - 321-0156/WWO-14-02 - submitted for work associated with proposed subgrade electric distribution lines under portions of North Beacon Street and the North Beacon Street Bridge in Watertown Massachusetts, in connection with a new electric substation (Station 315) to be constructed in the North Brighton neighborhood of Boston. Applicant: Kevin McCune, NSTAR Electric.

John Vieira, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc and Kevin McCune, NSTAR Electric presented that the project, beginning at North Beacon Bridge, will install electric distribution lines under portions of North Beacon Street, Louise Street and a small part of Arsenal Street in connection with the new electric substation, Station 315, to be built in North Brighton. NSTAR will excavate a portion of North Beacon Street in order to install distribution lines, duct housing, and maintenance manholes under the street, and will also install distribution lines and housing under the deck of the North Beacon Street Bridge over the Charles River.

The Commission members were concerned about storing materials and supplies near the river edge throughout the duration of the project. McCune informed them that materials will be transferred to the site daily and nothing will be stored by the water's edge.

Hayward asked the Commission to add as a special condition that NSTAR submit the DCR engineers report regarding the structural stability of the North Beacon Street Bridge.

Vote: Martin moved to close the hearing and Taverna seconded the motion. The motion was adopted

Special Conditions are:

-18 a, b, c, d, e, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 31, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 a, b, c, f, g

**2) Informational Discussion – Athena Health and the Storm Water system at the Arsenal site.
Carolyn Reckman, Athena Health and Larry Beals, Beals Associates Inc**

Carolyn Reckman and Larry Beals presented to the Commission Athena Health's ten year plans for the Arsenal Campus which consists of 29 acres and 11 buildings. They plan to expand the green space by building another parking garage, add features to the campus to promote a healthier environment and open up the campus to the public. Athena has recorded (i.e. sending a video camera into all the systems) all of the storm water drainage system and sanitary sewer pipes on the campus.

**3) Informational Discussion – Vegetation Management Plan along the Charles River - Mass.
Department of Conservation and Recreation**

A DCR representative did not attend the meeting and will be asked again to meet with the Commission to present their 2014 Vegetation Management Plan along the Charles River.

4) Minutes of the January 2014 Meeting – Adopted.

5) Old Business

Item	Update status
Whitney Hill Report	Three survey quotes are due by Friday March 17 th .
Recycling Center/Filippello Park	Centola will be recruiting help to go through DPW records to find the documentation that the monitoring wells have been closed and decommissioned.
Storm Water Advisory Commission	Nancy Hammett met with Steve Magoon to establish a planning grant for outreach and public education.
GSA	Charter Environmental will be submitting a draft report.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.