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Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 7:00 PM in the Philip Pane Lower Hearing Room

Conservation Commission Members Present: Leo Martin, Patrick Fairbairn, Maria P. Rose, Charles C. Bering, Jamie O'Connell, Marylouise Pallotta McDermott

Commission Members Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Gideon Schreiber, Susan C. Jenness

Martin Chaired.

1. Minutes- April 4, 2018 Meeting

Rose and Fairbairn requested updates to the Conservation Commission meeting minutes for the April 4, 2018 meeting.

Motion: Rose made a motion to accept the minutes of the April Conservation Commission meeting as modified. O'Connell seconded the motion.

Vote: A unanimous vote was reached accepting the minutes of the April 4, 2018 Conservation Commission meeting minutes.

2. Public Hearing-Extension request for Order of Conditions -DEP 321-0133, WWO-08-02 **DCR, Watertown Riverfront Park Restoration Project, Charles River Road.** Dan Driscoll - Director Recreational Facilities Planning, representative.

No representative from the DCR appeared when the public hearing was called.

Martin read the letter submitted by Dan Driscoll on behalf of the DCR seeking an extension on the Order of Conditions- DEP 321-0133, WWO-08-02.

Motion: Pallotta McDermott made a motion to extend the Order of Conditions on the Watertown Riverfront Park Restoration Project on Charles River Rd. Fairbairn seconded the motion.

Vote: A unanimous vote was reached to extend the Order of Conditions on the Watertown Riverfront Park Restoration Project.

3. **Informational Review-** Nicholas Cordeiro, Watertown Boy Scout Troop 30- Proposed Project building a trail kiosk in Whitney Hill Park at the entrance closest to Victory Field.

Cordeiro did not appear when the public hearing for Informational Review of the project to build a trail kiosk in Whitney Hill was called.

Martin reviewed the proposed documents as submitted by Cordeiro.

The CC agreed that the version of the kiosk pictured without the attached bench would work better in the location.

Motion: Rose made a motion to approve the project as proposed by Cordeiro with no bench attached. Fairbairn seconded the motion.

Vote: A unanimous vote was reached to approve the proposed project without an attached bench by Cordeiro.

Martin agreed to follow up with Cordeiro about the approval of his request to build a kiosk without the bench attached.

4. **Conservation Commission Review-** Final Memorandum to the Town Manager supplementing the 2017 Whitney Hill Annual Report regarding proposed activities and expenses for 2018 by Patrick Fairbairn and Maria Rose.

The CC reviewed the revised edition of the supplemental memorandum to the Whitney Hill Annual Report as prepared by Rose.

Rose agreed to forward the memo to Schreiber for revisions.

Motion: Pallotta McDermott made a motion to accept the memo as written by Rose to be revised by Schreiber and forwarded to town council. Fairbairn seconded the motion to accept the memo as written by Rose.

Vote: A unanimous vote was reached to accept the memo as written by Rose to be revised by Schreiber and forwarded to town council.

5. Agent Updates

- a. June 13, 2018 Arsenal Park Design Plan Open House- Schrieber reported that the plan as endorsed by the CC would be available for view at the June 13, 2018 Arsenal Park Design Plan Open House.
- b. Installation of the Pedestrian Bridge Status.-Martin took pictures of the bridge installation and shared them with the commission. He said that there might be a ribbon cutting ceremony or opening towards the end of June.
- c. Search for Conservation Agent and new members of the Conservation Commission Status- Martin and Schreiber reported that there will be a job announcement for a new senior planner published when Magoon returns from vacation for a planner with Environmental and Historical Planning.
- d. Report on Whitney Hill Clean- Up Day held on May 5, 2018. - Fairbairn made a report on Whitney Hill Clean- Up Day which was held on May 5, 2018.
- e. Watertown Dam Removal Feasibility Status- Martin reported that he saw scientists taking samples from the bank of the river for the feasibility study when he was at the river bank during the pedestrian foot bridge installation.
- f. Fairbairn reported that at a recent Town Council meeting Council President Sideris had called for the rejuvenation of the Faire On The Square. Fairbairn recommended that the CC reinvigorate its presence at the Faire by more active participation than previously.

Motion: Fairbairn made a motion that the Conservation Commission set up a table at the Faire on the Square in September. Pallotta McDermott seconded the motion.

Vote: The Conservation voted unanimously in favor of setting up a table at the Faire on the Square in September.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.