



City of Watertown
Conservation Commission
Administration Building
149 Main St.
Watertown, MA 02472

Maria P. Rose, Chair
Jamie O'Connell, Vice Chair
Leo Martin, Member
Rachel Danford, Member
Patrick Towler, Member
Marilyn Salvas, Member

MINUTES

Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2025, 7:00 PM, Remote Meeting on Zoom

Conservation Commission Members Present: Maria Rose, Jamie O'Connell, Leo Martin, Rachel Danford, Patrick Towler, and Marilyn Salvas

Absent: N/A

Also Present: N/A

Staff Present: Katie Swan, Conservation Agent, and Susan Jenness, Assistant

Rose chaired the meeting and took roll call.

1. Updates

A. CPC Updates: O'Connell reported several ongoing and upcoming projects:

- Willow Park: affordable housing project – the applicants did not receive state funding in this cycle. However, the CPC recommended encumbering requested funds to remain available for next funding cycle.
- Walker Pond: Project timeline was adjusted to ensure that the ecological assessment was completed before the public meetings.

- Restored City Hall Paintings: will be delayed due to unanticipated additional work that needed to be completed. The unveiling of the paintings has been moved from January to February 2025.

B. Agent Report

- Ongoing Site Monitoring:** Swan has been monitoring snow storage at the sites with wetland permits and abutting parcels to resource areas to ensure that they are meeting the conditions for storing snow.
- Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC) Conference:** Swan shared that the 2025 MACC conference will be held on March 1, 2025 at Holy Cross College in Worcester. Swan asked members who plan to attend to submit for reimbursement after attending the conference.

2. Acceptance of Minutes

- December 4, 2024 Conservation Commission minutes were approved with amendments.

Motion: O’Connell made a motion to accept the minutes from December as amended. Towler seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Members were polled, and all agreed with the motion made by O’Connell.

- January 6, 2025 Conservation Commission minutes were approved.

Motion: Martin made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Towler seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Members were polled, and all agreed with the motion made by Martin.

3. Meeting Adjournment

Motion: Towler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm. Martin seconded the motion.

Roll Call: All members present were polled, all agreed with the motion made adjourn by Towler at 7:42 pm.