



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

Maria P. Rose, Chair
Leo Martin, Vice Chair
Jamie O'Connell, Member
Darya Mattes, Member
Rachel Danford, Member

MINUTES

Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 7:00 PM, Remote Meeting on Zoom

Conservation Commission Members Present: Maria Rose, Leo Martin, Darya Mattes

Absent: Jamie O'Connell, Rachel Danford

Also Present: Linda Scott, Jeffrey Follett, Libby Shaw

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

Rose chaired the meeting.

1. Public Hearing: Notice of Intent (Continued to December 6, 2023) -- located off 0 Arlington Street, between 71 Arlington Street and 15 Arlington Street (MA DEP #: 321-0186) - construction of 41,289 square feet (sf) of pervious parking area on the north side of Sawins Pond, extending from the existing paved parking lot, within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of Vegetated wetlands and Inland Bank and locally regulated 150-foot Buffer Zone. Polina Safran, Representative from SWCA, Max Hatziliades, Owner.

2. Commission Discussion: Updates on Standard Special Conditions

At the September 6th meeting, edits were made to the current special standard conditions, part of the Order of Condition, and a working group of three was formed after the meeting to continue working on the updates.

Mattes provided an update:

- Met online to review the standard special conditions from Newton and Waltham
- Discussed organizing the standard special conditions into separate sections into: Pre-project, During project, and a Post project.
- The group also discussed whether having a section on Administrative issues.
- Swan reached out to other municipalities for copies of their standard special conditions.

Rose said that she thought the working group had made very good progress and thanked Mattes for the update. Rose asked members if they agreed it was a prudent idea to vote on making this version of interim standard special conditions part of the order of conditions.

Motion - Martin made a motion to accept the current version of the special conditions as the interim special conditions, Mattes seconded the motion.

Roll Call - All members were polled and agreed with the motion made by Martin.

3. CPC Update:

Jamie O'Connell was absent from the meeting and not available to give the update.

4. Agent Report:

A. 580 Pleasant Street (MA DEP #: 321-0173) -- Swan reported that she attended a site visit with the project manager, Darian Ahmadi, and the site looked good after the July visit. The wetlands permit will expire in April and Swan said she will reach out to the project team by February/March for them to request an extension of the permit.

Rose asked how the path was being maintained. Swan said the path is performing well. Swan commented that the bioswales and vegetation have been established, and the area looks stabilized. Swan will check back in with them by the spring. Rose offered to accompany Swan on any site visits in the future.

B. DCR Riverside Park (MA DEP #: 321-0133) -- Swan reported that she attended a site visit with Dan Driscoll, DCR's Director of Green Transportation and DCR project manager, Seth Whitcomb, to look at the straw wattles. Driscoll wanted to remove the fabric from the straw waddles at the end of the upcoming week. Swan reported she will visit the site again later this month when the removal of fabric is finished. She also reported that DCR intends to improve the playground and basketball court in the future.

5. **Review and Acceptance of Minutes** from the Conservation Commission Meeting on October 4, 2023.

Motion - Martin made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2023, CC meeting as amended. Mattes seconded the motion.

Roll Call - A roll call was taken, and all members present agreed with the motion made by Martin.

Motion - Mattes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Martin seconded the motion.

Roll Call - A roll call was taken, and all members present agreed with the motion made by Mattes to adjourn the meeting.