



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

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

MINUTES

Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 3, 2024, 7:00 PM, Remote Meeting on Zoom

Conservation Commission Members Present: Maria Rose, Leo Martin, Darya Mattes, and Jamie O'Connell

Absent: Rachel Danford

Present: Angeline Kounelis (retired member of City Council)

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

Rose chaired the meeting.

1. Public Hearing: Notice of Intent (Continued to February 7, 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.

The public hearing for MA DEP 321-0186, was continued at the request of the applicant to the February 7, 2024, Conservation Commission meeting.

2. Commission Discussion: Annual Whitney Hill Report and preparation for the Annual Abutters Meeting taking place during the March 6, 2024, Conservation Commission Meeting.
3. CPC Update: O'Connell reported that CPC had no meeting in December, and the next two meetings will be focused on reviewing the remaining four (4) project proposals for CPC funding, which are Walker Pond, Saltonstall Park, Browne House - (Funding for a Structural Engineering Study), Scotts Charitable Fence - (Funding for Restoration of the Fence at Mt. Auburn Cemetery). O'Connell reported that the public could attend the meetings on January 18, 2024, and on February 1, 2024, to watch the review of the applications before members of the CPC.
4. Agent Report:

- A. 99 Coolidge (DEP #: 321-0175): Swan visited the site on December 15th, 20th, 27th, and January 2nd. The stormwater bioretention pond behind the garage had issues with soil slipping from the slope into the pond from several rain events that occurred. Swan showed site visit photos of current conditions and temporary erosion control measures that were installed. Swan talked with the 99 Coolidge team to address the issues for temporary erosion control measures until the spring: install erosion control blanket (jute mat) in areas that have bare soils and place rip-rap along the edges of the pond.

Martin pointed out the slopes were too steep. O'Connell suggested confirming that the outfall was built according to specs. Rose asked Swan to speak with the contractors to verify any follow-up information and to report back to the Conservation Commission next month. O'Connell suggested she go on a site visit with Swan and Rose, on a Friday to review the work completed to date.

5. Acceptance of Minutes from December 6, 2023, Conservation Commission meeting.

Motion: O'Connell made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 6, 2023, meeting. Martin seconded the motion.

Roll Call: All members present confirmed they agreed with the motion to accept the minutes from the December Conservation Commission.

Motion: Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. O'Connell seconded the motion made by Martin.

Roll Call: Rose took a roll call that was unanimously approved by all members present.