

Minutes
Watertown Conservation Commission
Lower Hearing Room
Wednesday, July 13, 2011
7:30p.m.
Adopted September 7, 2011

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

Conservation Commission Member Absent: Maria Rose

Staff Present: Christopher J. Hayward, Daphne M. Collins

Members of the Public Present: See Sign-In Form

Pallotta McDermott chaired.

- 1. Public Hearing – NOI – Waltham Street Apartments, Waltham Street, DEP# 321-0147/WWO-11-05, to develop a two five-story apartment buildings and one four-story apartment building containing a total of 222 apartments, including 372 parking spaces and site amenities. Applicant: Richard Dickason, WP East Acquisitions, LLC. Owner: LIG-JCDS Realty Holding Company, LLC**

Informational – Results of review of documents concerning contaminants at site. Anne Marie Desmarais, Environmental Insight, consultant to the Conservation Commission.

Anne Marie Desmarais, Environmental Insight, consultant to the Conservation Commission, presented her report reviewing the documents relative to the contaminations at Waltham Street (aka Seyon Street), Stanley Ave Lot 4. Her conclusion is that based on what is publically available there is no risk to humans as long as the AUL is enforced.

Gary Marchese, 85 River Street, Waltham, inquired if the water should be tested. Desmarais noted that the pond is an urban water body and has street run-off. With the removal of asphalt and the installation of erosion controls, the proposal will improve the water quality.

Sally Christie, Edward Road, was concerned about the soil management plan and its impact on health and safety. Desmarais responded that the concern would be only if there was excavation of the AUL area. According to Desmarais, the area will be subdivided off for walking paths, and will not be a concern.

Vote: Martin moved to accept the Desmarais' report on Stanley Ave. Lot 4. Bering seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **approved**.

2. Public Hearing – NOI – 192 Pleasant Street, DEP 321-0148/WWO-11-07 Removal of existing above ground storage tank and related containment structures and installation and sampling of soil borings and monitoring wells. Applicant/Owner: Richard Cass

Bernie Raferty, Tetrattech and representative of the applicant, reported that the applicant proposes to remove an above ground 500 gallon tank and structure, with limited soil and ground water sampling. He reported that the work would be done by hand on site. The initial step will be to remove the product in the tank, and then remove the tank. He expected the work to be completed in 1-2 days. Hayward requested that he be contact 48 hours in advance of work. Hayward requested to see the samples of the erosion controls which will be installed next to the bike path and bwv.

Vote: Taverna moved to accept the NOI as presented. Fairbairn seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **approved**.

Applicant submitted the abutter green cards.

3. Public Hearing – NOI – 480 Pleasant Street, DEP321-0149/WWO-11-06 Minor site improvements, ADA walkways, ADA parking spaces and additional bike racks. Applicant/Owner: Samuel Altreuter, Farley White Aetna Mills, LLC

Jim Develis, engineer for the applicant, presented the proposal to renovate 480 Pleasant Street, a former industrial complex, into an office building. He noted that 99% of the proposed work would be interior work. The work before the CC was minor relating to an enclosed walkway and ADA parking.

Town Councillor Vincent Piccirilli, 203 Orchard, informed that the DPW was finalizing the paving and crosswalks along Pleasant Street in the next few weeks.

Vote: Taverna moved to accept the NOI as presented. Martin seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

4. Minutes of the June 2011 Meeting – approved.

5. Old Business

Item	Update status
Whitney Hill Report	Magoon to check if Mee can install the available markers purchased through the Mt. Auburn Cemetery. Falkoff to discuss with Magoon the advancement of Whitney Hill Conservation Restriction through Town Council.
Victory Field – Synthetic Surface	Letter regarding synthetic surface was

	distributed.
Recycling Center/Filippello Park	Town continues to pursue an alternative site for a recycling center.
Storm Water Advisory Commission	First ordinance completed. The second ordinance is in final draft.
Rivers Protection Act	Gideon Shriver, Senior Planner, is updating the RPA areas on the Town's GIS map.
GSA	No update.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm