

Minutes  
Watertown Conservation Commission  
Lower Hearing Room  
Wednesday, November 2, 2011  
7:30p.m.  
*Adopted December 7, 2011*

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

**Conservation Commission Member Absent:** Maria Rose

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

**Members of the Public Present:** See Sign-In Form

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Pallotta McDermott chaired.

- 1. Public Hearing Continuance – NOI – Waltham Street Apartments, Waltham Street, DEP# Pending/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. CC voted to continue the item to the next CC Public Hearing on December 7, 2011.**
- 2. October Minutes – Approved**
- 3. Discussion Regarding Open Space and Recreation Facilities, Peter Centola, Watertown Recreation Director**

Peter Centola, Watertown Recreation Director, attended the CC meeting to meet and discuss areas of common interest and collaboration.

Centola noted that there were funds available for frontage improvements at Filippello Park. Pallotta McDermott supports an improved eastern entrance at the park as envisioned in John Walker's design. Centola informed that he is evaluating the programming at the park. He'd like to provide more programming beyond basketball, possibly tennis or bocci. However, park programmatic planning is on hold until an alternative to the Town's snow storage becomes available.

Pallotta McDermott wants to work with Centola to pursue grants for park improvements and land acquisition for open space. Centola will be holding meetings with the community to gather their vision for the parks.

Centola noted that the town's skateboarding park is in need of upgrading. Fairbairn reminded the CC that the Town's Open Space Plan, which is an assessment of the town's parks, needs to be updated.

Pallotta McDermott would like to meet again with Centola after the CC speaks to the TC.

Bering inquired about the status of Mt. Auburn's planned improvements to the property adjacent to the park. Centola replied that the Mt. Auburn Cemetery and Mt. Auburn Hospital are potential funders for park improvements.

#### 4. Old Business

Item	Update status
Whitney Hill Report	Hayward is to review the Town Manager's packet scheduled for filing before the TC. Hayward will bid out the markers and installation to surveyors.
Recycling Center/Filippello Park	The DPW Subcommittee met 11/1/11 to proceed with Mee's plan: 1)DPW evaluate (design, cost & feasibility) relocating the recycling use to the Schick Property, 2)DPW close the recycling center by April 2012, 3)Town Mgr. identify a permanent location for a recycling center. Pallotta McDermott asked that CC call their councilors regarding the misuse of the property. Pallotta McDermott filed copies of historic documents regarding this issue for the office records.
Storm Water Advisory Commission	The second ordinance sent to TC to be docketed with the Subcommittee. The Storm Water Commission has started the third ordinance.
Rivers Protection Act	Gideon Shriver, Senior Planner, is updating the RPA areas on the Town's GIS map.
GSA	A Public Meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2011. Pallotta McDermott urged members to attend.
Coastal Zone Management Grant	Rose to explore potential projects for grant application.

## **5. Agent Information – Update**

Hayward noted that a possible NOI for the Gore Estate may be filed to mitigate flooding issues related to the agricultural usage at the site.

Hayward informed that the DCR is proceeding with plans for the Watertown Square landing that was detached and damaged in this year's Charles River flood. The landing was built in 1938 and a new one would have to be redesigned to be access compliant.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.