

Minutes  
 Watertown Conservation Commission  
 Lower Hearing Room  
 Wednesday, July 12, 2012  
 7:30p.m.  
*Adopted September 5, 2012*

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

**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) Old Business**

| Item                               | Update status   |
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| Whitney Hill Report                | Hayward to hire original company to install boundary markers. Rose suggested the pursuit of "Care & Custody" status instead of Conservation Restriction.                    |
| Recycling Center/Filippello Park   | TC approved Stanley Ave. off Waltham St as new recycling site. See below.   |
| Storm Water Advisory Commission    | The second ordinance has been docketed with the Subcommittee. The Storm Water Commission finalized the third ordinance.   |
| Rivers Protection Act              | Gideon Shriver, Senior Planner, is updating the RPA areas on the Town's GIS map.  |
| GSA                                | Hayward reported that Iorio at ACE emailed stating that a contractor will be hired by September   |
| CPA                                | CC supports pursuing CPA for open space acquisition. Magoon and Mena to be invited to discuss rezoning Oakley Country Club.   |
| Pleasant Street Tree Planting Fund | New trees to be planted at Repton Place (22) and at 480 Pleasant Street in the Fall. Pallotta McDermott requested no Ornamental Pears on the south side of Pleasant Street. |

**Recycling Center/Filippello Park** - Pallotta McDermott reported that at the Town Council Meeting of July 11, 2012, Town Council voted in favor of relocating the recycling center to Stanley Ave off Waltham Street. The matter was handled in a friendly, eminent domain transaction without litigation. It was suggested that Magoon work with the neighborhood regarding their concerns. The timeline for relocation the recycling center is unknown. Pallotta McDermott will meet with Magoon to discuss how to proceed with the final park improvements at Filippello Park.

## **2) New Business**

**Watertown Landing**-Hayward reported that the project is underway but proceeding slower than expected. They were not able to remove all the piles.

**Daly Field**- Daly Field is being developed for sports usage by DCR and Simmons College. There is concern about the artificial turf or the grass surface with its associated herbicides adjacent to the river. The sporting community limits its focus to the management of the property and the playability and demands for usage and not the effects on the river. Fairbairn urged the need to weigh the conservation concerns. Hayward will check with the DCR.

**270 Pleasant Street** – progressing.

**120 Pleasant Street** - completed.

**Little Greenough Blvd** - National Grid notified Hayward that they will be replacing the gas line. There is no need for an NOI filing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.