

Minutes

Watertown Conservation Commission

Lower Hearing Room

Wednesday, March 1, 2006

7:30p.m.

Conservation Commission Members Present:

Pallotta McDermott

Hammett

Bering

Taverna

Fairbairn

Martin

Staff Present:

Hayward

Collins

Members of the Public Present: See Sign-In Form

1. **Public Hearing Continuance – 51 Water Street, Notice of Intent, 321-0016/WWO-05-05, Richard Wakeman, applicant**

Steve Winnick, representative for the applicant, introduced Michael Kosmos and Ellen Thibodeau, respectively, the engineer and environmental scientist for the project. Kosmos reported that hydrodynamic units are proposed, an additional catch basin has been added and on-site catch basins have been improved and tied into the drainage treatment system. He noted that the reconfiguring of the existing parking spaces was not proposed because it would violate the parking requirements under zoning. The Maintenance management plan will be submitted.

Thibodeau discussed how the dewatering will be managed. She reported that the applicant will be getting permission from EPA and DCR. DCR will be issuing the permit to allow them to use the outfalls. Pallotta McDermott requested that a copy of the application and permission be submitted to the CC.

Pallotta McDermott reviewed items still to be provided by the applicant: a construction management plan, detail plan for off-site remediation, and a detailed operations and maintenance plan. She noted that no construction can begin without mitigation plans.

Hammett expressed appreciation for exploring off-site mitigation. However, she would like to see the erosion and sedimentation control plans.

Fairbairn wants to see the management plan.

Martin wants to see the erosion plan. He appreciated that the roof runoff is bypassing the treatment systems and the usage of hydrodynamic systems. He was satisfied with the on-site storm drainage. Martin and Gemma want to see engineered plans for the proposed off-site mitigation.

Taverna was concerned about the ground water discharge. He wants it treated. Gemma noted that the applicant must meet the MSSSS under the Storm Water General Permit. Winnick noted that Wittig, the town engineer, has not signed off on the project. Gemma recommended that the applicant obtain all necessary permits.

Thibodeau responded that there are too many unknown factors to produce a final plan. Pallotta McDermott questioned when a remediation plan could be produced to be included in the Order of Conditions. Kosmos informed that it would take a couple of weeks.

Hammett questioned whether with the new proposed controls are the standards being met. She wondered whether all the pavement runoff was being caught.

Winnick noted that there are delays in Watertown because of all the multiple permits, in particular, DPW. Pallotta McDermott responded that the delays are the responsibility of the applicant due to the lack of response for the requested materials.

Hammett did not believe that the erosion and management plans were that difficult to produce for CC review. She felt it was part of the CC review.

Winnick noted that the Construction Management Plan could be produced. However, he argued that the Erosion Controls cannot be provided without more design information. It may need revisions. He suggested that it be made a condition in the Order of Conditions.

Vote: Hammett moved to continue the Public Hearing for 51 Water Street to April 5, 2006. Taverna seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Collins informed the applicant that the requested materials are due March 27 for the April 5th meeting.

2. Minutes of February

Vote: Hammett moved to accept the February 1, 2006 minutes. Fairbairn seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **approved**.

3. Old Business

Item	Update status
Erosion Controls to Watertown Landing	Hayward to follow up with the project with a list of consultants from a file provided by Watson. 51 Water Street suggested as a resource.
Whitney Hill Report	Agent to develop a map of site for attorneys. Fairbairn is the

	lead on the project.
Recycling Center/Filippello Park	CC is under the ED and Public Works Subcommittee. Steve Corbitt is the Chair who is interested in the project. CC to meet with the new subcommittee. Pallotta McDermott will create a packet for new members.
Storm Water Monitoring Results	Data will be released upon settlement of litigation. Collins continues to contact Mee for data information.
Water Conservation Program	Hammett distributed information regarding proposed water usage program. Falkoff spoke to Mee about including sprinkler limits during rain storms.
Website	Hammett provided Louise Civetti an electronic version.
Pending Ordinance	Hammett to review Ordinance, Rules and Regulations and MACC model by-law. She will submit her comments to Kimmell and CC. Kimmell will be scheduled to attend the April meeting for a work session.
Williams Pond/Sawins Pond	Hayward wrote a letter regarding the status on the CC comments to PIP. Response due in two weeks. Hayward to invite Karen Stromberg for a project update.
Gore Estate	Subcommittee (Martin, Fairbairn and Hayward) to visit Gore Estate to discuss opportunity to lease for open space. Research Self-Help grant for possible purchase.
Open Space Plan	OSP completion imminent. Letter to OSP from CC stating "no loss of open space." Suggest completing the OSP by Earth Day.
Stop & Shop Parking Lot	Hayward contacted Waltham Conservation Agent about joint precautions to be taken for the trucks and buses allowed to park on the lot. Waltham's buffer distance is 200'.
Pleasant Street	Hayward wrote letters to Julian Properties, Stop and Shop, Arsenal Mall and Jomar Distribution regarding snow stockpiling and equipment on property. Hayward reported that Jomar had moved snow and equipment, and that the Arsenal Mall also responded. He had not heard from Stop and Shop. He will follow-up. Julian Properties will be submitting a NOI.
CC Brochure	Brochure completed. Brochures to be distributed to library, 50 to the Mall, Faire on the Square and CC office.
GSA	Possibility that ACE has funds to delineate the GSA wetlands.

Hammett requested a copy of the CC log to review and improve it for project tracking.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.