

Minutes  
Watertown Conservation Commission  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Wednesday, November 6, 2013  
7:30 p.m.  
*Adopted December 4, 2013*

**Conservation Commission Members Present:** Charles Bering, Patrick Fairbairn, Leo Martin, Maria Rose, Lou Taverna

**Conservation Commission Member Absent:** Marylouise Pallotta McDermott,

**Staff Present:** Christopher J. Hayward, Patricia Mihelich

**Members of the Public Present:** Carolyn Zern

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Martin chaired.

- 1) Request for Amendment to Order of Conditions (DEP 321-0147, WWO 11-05) Alta at the Estates (formerly Waltham Street Apartments) – Request to include Dog Run Area within property boundaries – John E. Bensley, Beals and Thomas, Inc.**

John Bensley, Beals and Thomas, Inc., proposed revisions to the original Order of Conditions to include a fenced-in dog park at the western side of Walker Pond located within the local 150’ buffer zone and partially within the state jurisdictional 100’ buffer zone. The original plan was a Sport Court but it was determined that it would be very under used.

The CC agreed that the Request was appropriate. A motion was made by L. Martin and seconded by P. Fairbairn to allow this process to continue at a Public Hearing to be held at the next scheduled CC meeting on Wednesday December 4, 2013.

- 2) Minutes of the September 2013 Meeting – Adopted.**

- 3) Old Business**

Item	Update status
Whitney Hill Report	Fairbairn reported that he has a WHS biology teacher, Eric Hiltunen, and 26 students to study WH. They will be surveying to make a grid of the vegetation and trees. CC will review the Town Report for the Town Council at the December meeting.
Recycling Center/Filippello Park	John Wacker, Marylouise McDermott, Peter Centola, CDM, Parks/Forestry Dept., and Hayward will be meeting November 7 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed changes of the preliminary plans.

Storm Water Advisory Commission	The SWAC is now working on public education in advance of the remaining ordinances going into effect. One ordinance has been finalized; the other two still need to be reviewed by the Public Attorney. All ordinances to be managed by the DPW.
GSA	Hayward met on site with Rob Lowell, Storm Water manager for DCR about the flooding concerns. DCR will be submitting an NOI for the replacement of a damaged headwall and culvert sometime in 2014. DPW has been cleaning the debris out of the Sawins Pond Brook culvert for some time. GEI, DCR's watch dog for the Army Corps and Charter Environmental are doing their own sampling.

Hayward noted that he will be planting approximately 150 trees around town for the fall planting program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.