

Minutes
Watertown Conservation Commission
Lower Hearing Room
Wednesday, May 7, 2014
7:30 p.m.

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

Conservation Commission Member Absent: Marylouise Pallotta McDermott, Charles Bering

Staff Present: Christopher J. Hayward, Patricia Mihelich

Martin chaired.

1) Informational Discussion – Vegetation Management Plan along the Charles River - Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation

Matt Thurlow and Stephen Cyr, from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) presented to the Commission. Thurlow stated that they are doing work on Charles River Road starting from Watertown Square past the old water spray park. DCR will be removing dead trees; the path is going to be taken up, widened and a soft service material with a stabilizer binder will be used. Cyr informed the Commission that DCR is still following the goals and objectives of the outdated plan.

2) Minutes of the April 2014 Meeting – Were not approved due to not having a quorum in attendance.

3) Old Business

- a. **Whitney Hill** – McKenzie Engineering was the lowest and most thorough bidder. They will begin surveying next week. A letter will be sent to the residents directly abutting Whitney Hill informing them that the park is being surveyed.
- b. **Recycling Center/Filippello Park** – SEA finally came up with the report that the wells have been decommissioned and sealed in accordance with the state. CDM is working with Centola to do the finish of the wells.
- c. **SWAC** – Nancy Hammett submitted a 603(b) grant. SAC members have been attending Belmont SWA meetings sharing speakers.
- d. **GSA** - Charter Environmental submitted their final plan and our suggestions have been included. They hope to be completed by this July. GEI will have to do one final testing before DCR can take down the fence.

Mihelich informed the Commission that this was her last meeting as she had received another job opportunity working at the Belmont Media Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.