

**Minutes**  
**Watertown Conservation Commission**  
**Lower Hearing Room**  
**Wednesday, June 4, 2014**  
**7:30 p.m.**

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

**Conservation Commission Member Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Christopher J. Hayward

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Pallotta McDermott chaired.

- 1) **Minutes of the May 2014 meeting** - Approved with minor amendments.
- 2) **Minutes of the April 2014 meeting** – Approved with minor amendments.
- 3) **Old Business**
  - a. **Whitney Hill** – Fairbairn reported that he spoke with Jim Toomey of McKenzie Engineering regarding the status of the completion of the survey. Toomey reported to Fairbairn that little progress has been made as they have been waiting for the Watertown DPW to provide information that has been requested. Hayward will investigate the reason for the delay and report back to the Commission at the July meeting.
  - b. **Recycling Center/Filippello Park** – No updates to report this month. More information to be provided in the new fiscal year.
  - c. **SWAC** – Hayward reported that the committee is continuing with developing education and outreach programs. The two remaining storm water ordinances (Erosion and Sediment Control, Post Construction Storm Water Runoff) are being held from final review by the Town Council until the town’s new engineer, Matt Shuman, has had a chance to review them.
  - d. **GSA** – Fairbairn attended a site visit on May 20. He reported the water in the new wetland area was very low and that some plantings did not survive the winter. The extended wetland area being built in response to the extension of capped contamination area was still a work in progress. The restoration project is scheduled to be completed by July 2014.
- 4) **Agent Update**
  - 270 Pleasant St**

Hayward has been meeting with Dan Driscoll from the DCR regarding the landscaping around 270 Pleasant St. Items such as winter die-off of new plantings, erosion control, maintenance of the dog park and the workings of the rain garden at the rear of the building have been other topics of discussion around the site.

**200 Waltham St (Alta at the Estates)**

The construction of the new pathway through the woods and to the west of the Walker Pond has begun. The proposed route was laid out in the field by Hayward and representatives of Wood Partners. Two access points to the pond have been identified by Hayward and Wood Partners has agreed to clear those areas of only the invasive vegetation that has been approved.

**71 Arlington St**

A recent vehicle accident on Mt Auburn St caused a transformer to fall into the street and break open. The contents of the transformer went into the storm water catch basin and eventually made their way to the waterway at Williams Pond. Thankfully Clean Harbors (an environmental clean-up company) was able to contain any contaminants before they arrived at Sawins Pond.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.