

Minutes
Watertown Conservation Commission
Lower Hearing Room
Wednesday, February 3, 2016
7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission Members Present: Marylouise Pallotta McDermott, Maria P. Rose, Charles C. Bering, Leo G. Martin, Patrick Fairbairn

Commission Members Absent: Louis Taverna

Staff Present: Christopher J. Hayward, Susan C. Jenness (Adopted March 2, 2016)

Pallotta McDermott chaired.

1) Minutes from January 6, 2016 Meeting.

Motion: Rose made a motion to adopt the January 6, 2016 minutes as submitted. Martin seconded the motion.

Vote: The CC voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of the January 6, 2015 minutes.

2) Agent Report on various current projects.

i. DCR - Dealtry Pool Spray Deck and maintenance pruning project (#321-0162)

The demolition for the spray deck is done and work is now being done on the piping which is all contained inside the pool.

The Agent and CC member Fairbairn went to visit this site last week and met with 6 members of the DCR including the engineer 48 hours before the pruning was to proceed.

The agent has gone back to see the work and reported to the CC that they left all the vegetation that was requested by Fairbairn and himself. The only outstanding issue he noticed was that the wood chipper died and they had to stack the material that was cut on the rivers' edge. He noticed no wood stacked too close to the waters' edge.

ii. DCR - Charles River dredging project (#321-0159) commencement

The project which is over on the Boston side of the river is expected to begin soon.

The Agent will go over to take a look at the project and report back.

iii. DCR – Pedestrian Bridge replacement project #321-0160

The CC met with the DCR a year ago on the Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project. The Agent has contacted Dan Driscoll to get a status report.

There is timing concern as to the conditions requested by the Department of Fisheries with respect to the spawning seasons.

He will reach out to DCR again for a status report on this project.

iv. Filippello Park update

A site visit had been held at Filippello Park that morning with Steve Magoon, Director of Community Development and Planning, Gideon Schreiber, Senior Planner, Peter Centola, Director of Recreation and Karen O'Reilly, the Animal Control Officer. There were 2 members of the Dog Park Task Force in attendance at the site visit as well.

While the Agent was not in attendance at the site visit, he was informed by the Planning Staff that the members of the Dog Park Task Force appeared to be in favor of a modified concept plan drafted by Steve Magoon and Gideon Schreiber, and seemed happy with how the plan would fit into the actual site itself.

As an enhancement to the original concept plan, the new concept plan includes a designated area for large dogs, small dogs, as well as a dog time out area. The new concept plan is expected to be presented to the constituents of the Dog Park Task Force by the members who attended the site visit in order to get feedback from the constituents.

Fairbairn asked Agent Hayward how seriously the concept plan that he proposed at the December meeting had been taken. Hayward responded that he was not sure what was said about his proposed plan, as he was not able to attend the meeting where it was to be presented. He explained to Fairbairn that parts of his plan, which called for moving the parking areas of the existing plan lay out would have been a lot more expensive than what the

town could afford, given the amount that has been budgeted for the project. He offered to look further into Fairbairn's concern.

3) New Business

Investing in CPA-

Fairbairn invited all to a Citizen's Winter Stroll that was scheduled for February 6, 2016 from 1 PM-3 PM. The group would meet in the Bell Watertown Apartments Community Room, after a walk in the Walker Pond area to discuss the ways in which CPA would help Watertown to protect, conserve and preserve its' resources.

Meeting Adjourned.