

Watertown Conservation Commission

Third Floor Conference Room

Wednesday, July 16, 2008

7:30p.m.

Conservation Commission Members Present: Pallotta-McDermott, Martin, Bering, Fairbairn, Hammett, Rose, Taverna

Staff Present: Hayward, Collins

Members of the Public Present: See Sign-In Form

- 1. Public Hearing Continuance – NOI 69 Howard Street, drainage system improvements to existing parking area. Newton Roofing Company, Shawn Bryan, owner and applicant.**

The item failed to be posted on the Town Clerk's board. The item was informally continued. The official vote will occur at the Public Hearing Continuance on September 3, 2008 at 7:30pm.

Anthony Stella, representative of the applicant, described the site, the existing conditions and the results of investigations conducted at the site. Storm drains are proposed to alleviate the flooding that occurs at the site. Stella informed that after some recent rains flooding has occurred in the low-lying parking lot sometimes collecting 8" of rain. Stella reported that a standard 4 foot deep sump catch basin with an 8,500 gallon particle separator would be installed. Stella noted that DPW was concerned about connecting additional runoff to Howard Street because it surcharges. According to Stella, ground water tests indicated ground water at less than 2" below grade.

Stella said that DPW investigated the 24" line from the Pleasant Street catchbasin. Results indicated the line is obstructed by a rock and then connects to a 12" line. DPW requested that the applicant repair the line by removing the obstruction or by replacing the line.

Stella noted that Pelletier is satisfied with the work proposed. Hayward confirmed.

Rose questioned whether the issue concerning easement ownership was determined. Hayward noted that historic records indicate town ownership.

Pallotta McDermott & Rose expressed satisfaction with what was proposed considering the limitations and difficult conditions of the property.

Rose noted that it was uncommon for a storm drain pipe to connect directly to a catchbasin. Stella noted that the manhole and basin are in good condition despite the uncommon connection.

Taverna questioned whether the line was going to be replaced with a 24" or a 12". Stella noted that the replacement and size would be determined by the DPW after the line was open to remove the obstruction

Hammett had specific questions regarding the new SW application forms – she asked if the project was a WHPPL. Hammett was concerned about vehicles at the site. Bryan assured that no maintenance of the vehicles would occur on site. Pallotta McDermott suggested that the prohibition of vehicle maintenance on site could be made be part of the OOC.

Stella noted there was a Maintenance Plan included in the NOI and that the catchbasins will be checked four times a year. Pallotta McDermott suggested that a report be sent to the CC as part of the OOC.

Hammett was concerned about bacteria and phosphorus running into the river. She wondered if the checking-off of the TMDL box of the Stormwater Report would insure its containment. Hammett requested that the applicant check-off the TMDL box of the application. The applicant agreed to do so. Rose noted that the TMDL levels for bacteria

and phosphorus have been established for the lower Charles river. However, the upper Charles river area levels for phosphorus have not.

Vote: Rose moved to close the informal public discussion and that the official vote be postponed until the continuance Public Hearing on September 3, 2008. Taverna seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. **June Minutes** – approved, with written additions from Rose and Pallotta McDermott.

3. **Old Business**

Item	Update status
Whitney Hill Report	Pending legal counsel.
Recycling Center/Filippello Park	Pallotta McDermott requested that Hammett write a draft letter to the TC and Manager requesting a temporary location for the Recycling Center.
Stormwater Management Standards	Pallotta McDermott submitted for the record the letter of 6/30/08 to Driscoll requesting that a Stormwater Advisory Committee be established. Rose and Hammett were appointed as the CC's spokespersons to Town Council DPW subcommittee. They will attend the 9/9/2008 TC meeting. Hayward to report regularly to the CC on any substantive DPW/Stormwater discussion.
Gore Estate	TC discussed item in Executive Session in December 2006. No update.
Ordinance	Joint meeting between the Town Council's Public Works and Rules Subcommittee is scheduled for July 29 at 5pm. Hammett and Bering to attend.
Pleasant Street Master Plan	Hammett updated. Special exceptions to developments may have CC review.

4. **DCR/Town Council Meeting**

Hayward reported that as a result of misunderstandings of the tree removal at the Saltonstall Monument Restoration Project, a meeting is scheduled between the TC and DCR on how to improve the relationship between the DCR and Town Council. The meeting will take place July 17. Hayward will update Pallotta McDermott by e-mail the results of this meeting.

5. Riverfront Park Project

Hayward reported that a \$214,000 bid was received in response to DCR's RFP for the Riverfront Park project on June 14, 2007. However, DCR failed to secure the state's \$100,000 matching grant by not executing the contract by the June 30, 2008 deadline.

6. Storm Water Consultant

Vote: Hammett moved to hire a Storm Water Consultant to assist the CC in reviewing the initial projects received under the new SWMP regulations. Taverna seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **approved**.

The following names were provided as possible consultants: Rob Gemma, Rich Clayton, and Steve Roy at Geosyntec.

7. GIS Grant

Hayward and Hammett will meet with Mahoney, Director of Data Processing, to discuss the grant.

8. Agent Report

RDA-Maine RR Pesticide Application – Hayward reported that based on site assessment conducted by Fairbairn and him there are no sensitive areas requiring a RDA or NOI.

9. 69 Howard Street OOC

Special Conditions:

-no vehicle maintenance or vehicle washing shall be done on site;

-all sand storage shall be in an enclosed structure;

-the TMDL status box will be checked off in the NOI-Storm Water Report

18b, c, e, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 41b, 42, 45 annually in March.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.