

Minutes
Watertown Conservation Commission
Lower Hearing Room
Wednesday, June 2, 2010
7:30p.m.
Adopted July 21, 2010

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

Staff Present: Hayward, Collins

Members of the Public Present: See Sign-In Form

1. Public Hearing – NOI – 175 North Beacon Street, Grousbeck Center for Students and Technology, Perkins School for the Blind, owner/applicant

Steven Rothstein, President, Perkins School for the Blind, reported that the Grousbeck Center will provide more space for training teachers.

Stephen Garvin, representative for the applicant, noted that half of the building was within the 150' buffer and 5' of the project was in the 100' buffer. Garvin reported on the proposed storm water system proposed. He informed that no untreated runoff will go into the resource. The proposed system exceeds the 80% TSS and meets all the standards required. The project proposes preserving the tree landscape. He informed that the March 2010 storm provided the data used for the 100 year flood numbers.

Pallotta McDermott requested that the word "controls" be inserted in paragraph #3 of the letter.

Rose inquired about the number of cultic units. She counted 26 but the plan details she could only count 24. Garvin noted that the 3 required was in the bid documents and that he would update the plans. She also noted that the limit of work was missing and it was unclear.

Rose questions whether there would be grading beyond the erosion controls. Garvin responded that protection were for the tree protection.

Taverna inquired where the staging and stockpiling was planned and whether it was protected. Rothstein responded that half of the parking lot will be use for staging. Garvin indicated that anything exposed will be covered as detailed in the Construction Management Plan.

Hayward commended the data gathered from the recent rainstorm utilized in the storm-water report. He inquired about the construction traffic. Rothstein reported that traffic will be limited to Beechwood Avenue and that he personally called all the abutting neighbors. He informed that the project was going before the Planning Board for parking and curb cut variances.

Taverna inquired about the size of the project. Rothstein identified that the building will be 2 stories, 17,000 square feet.

Rose inquired if any designs options were considered to keep the project out of the 100' resource area. The applicant responded that this option was the most beneficial one in terms of preserving the natural resource and trees.

The public hearing portion of the item was closed.

Grousbeck Center Special Conditions

C2.1 – will identify the number of cultic chambers.

The Operation and Maintenance reports will be submitted annually in perpetuity to the CC office.

18a, b, c, e; 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41a, b, c, f, g, 45, 53

4. Minutes of May 2010 -approved.

5. Old Business

Item	Update status
Whitney Hill Report	Hayward contacted 3 companies, 2 responded. Everett Brooks was the lowest bid at \$5,340. Vote: Taverna moved to allocate the funds for the hiring of Everett Brooks. Rose second. Unanimously approved. Brooks will be notified. Project to commence in 3 weeks.
Recycling Center/Filippello Park	Pallotta McDermott informed that Mee at a Budget hearing requested funds to locate a shed with electricity at Filippello Park. Pallotta McDermott to write a letter to Mee in opposition. Vote: Martin moved to approve the letter. Rose seconded. Unanimous.
Storm Water Advisory Commission	Rose reported that SWAC is working on

	drafting ordinances.
Rivers Protection Act	Hayward working with Assessor to update the RPA areas on the Town's GIS map.
GSA	Waiting on sampling results.
EOEA Grant	No update.
Sawins Pond	DPS letter from DEP received. DesMarais reviewed letter and her response emailed to CC.
Stanley Ave.	Russo's trailers still park in area
Arsenal Park	Linden scheduled for removal. Copper Beech to be protected during take down.

6. New Business

140 Pleasant Street – Hayward informed that revised plans may be coming before the CC.

Mt. Auburn Cemetery Wildlife Habitat Planting – Fairbairn informed that he was working with the cemetery to create a Wildlife Habitat Planting

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.