

Minutes  
Watertown Conservation Commission  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Wednesday, September 4, 2013  
7:30 p.m.  
*Adopted November 6, 2013*

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

**Conservation Commission Member Absent:** Leo Martin

**Staff Present:** Christopher J. Hayward

**Members of the Public Present:** Ernesta Krackiewicz, Ben Zimmerman

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Pallotta-McDermott chaired.

**1) Request for Amendment to Order of Conditions (DEP 321-0144, WWO 11-01) 270 Pleasant Street – Request to include Dog Run Area within property boundaries – John J. Englert, Criterion Development Partners**

The details of the proposal were presented at the meeting of August 7, 2013. Ben Zimmerman was in attendance to answer any questions the CC had. Chair McDermott started with comments for that record that upon frequent inspectional visits by the conservation Agent, as will be required by the CC, if conditions are found to be unsanitary and in violation of the Order of Conditions, the applicant will be required to appear before the CC to discuss a solution to the issue.

M. Rose questioned if the proposed dog run is within the 100-year floodplain. Zimmerman acknowledged that it is and Hayward reinforced that acknowledgement noting that the building is cantilevered to allow flood waters to move throughout the site. Rose reminded the applicant that it will be very important to frequently clean up the site so that if flood waters were to enter the site, unsanitary material would not be allowed to float away.

Hayward noted that two vegetated areas will act as a buffer in case of flooding, although the daily cleaning must be enforced.

Motion made by Rose to amend the Order of Conditions to include the dog run area with mandatory twice daily cleaning and frequent inspections by the Conservation Agent to be a required condition.

L. Taverna seconded that motion. All were in favor. The OOC will be amended to include the dog run proposal and conditions.

**2) Minutes of the August 2013 Meeting – Adopted.**

Minor grammatical edits were made. M. Rose motioned to approve. Taverna seconded.

**3) Old Business**

Item	Update status
Whitney Hill Report	In preparation of the CC's charge of the annual maintenance report and public education of the land due in December a community meeting was held in May.
Recycling Center/Filippello Park	The new Recycling Center is now up and running. The area that formally acted as the Recycling Center at Filippello Park was recently cleaned up. Cost estimates are being developed between CDM and Wacker for Filippello Park. Input on uses to be forwarded to Recreation Dept.
Storm Water Advisory Commission	Ernesta Kraczkiewicz, Chair of SWAC updated the CC that both remaining ordinances have been presented to the Town Council. The SWAC is now working on public education in advance of the remaining ordinances going into effect. Ordinances to be managed by DPW.
GSA	CC to submit an acknowledgment response letter to the ACOE September 6, 2013. (See item 4 below).

**4) Discussion on Comment Letter - Charter Environmental's Operation and Maintenance Plan for the GSA site – Anne Marie Desmarais, Environmental Insight**

Anne Marie Desmarais, project consultant for the CC, presented the comment letter she had prepared for the CC in response to Charter Environmental's draft Operation and Maintenance Plan for the GSA site. Specific edits were discussed and made. Rose motioned to have Chair McDermott sign the letter with the edits, Fairbairn seconded. All were in favor.

The letter was signed by Chair McDermott and sent to Ellen Iorio, Project Manager at the Army Corps of Engineers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.