

**Minutes**  
**Watertown Conservation Commission**  
**Philip Pane-Lower Hearing Room**  
**Wednesday, November 2, 2016**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Conservation Commission Members Present:** Marylouise Pallotta McDermott, Leo G. Martin, Patrick Fairbairn, Louis Taverna, Maria P. Rose

**Commission Members Absent:** Charles C. Bering

**Staff Present:** Susan C. Jenness

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Pallotta McDermott chaired.

- 1) **Public Hearing Continuation–Certificate of Compliance–** Dealtry Pool Facility- Construction of a Spray Deck and maintenance pruning- 114 Rear Pleasant Street- Carol Sanchez, DCR, Applicant/Owner. Kevin E. McHugh, PE, Coneco, Engineers & Scientists, Inc., representative.

Kevin McHugh was present to answer questions for the Conservation Commission (CC) about the current conditions at the site of the project. At the meeting, McHugh filed a copy of the Recording Information from the Order of Conditions that had been filed at the South Middlesex Registry of Deeds on November 2, 2016.

McHugh reported that the straw wattles had been removed from the site and that all trash would be removed by the end of the week. He said that the contractor did a wonderful job and that the spray deck which was installed and in use by the summer operated well and was a source of positive excitement.

Taverna asked for a recap on how the water drained from the Spray Deck. McHugh explained that the discharge drains into a manhole that is under the jurisdiction of the DCR and from there into the Charles River.

Pallotta McDermott visited the site earlier in the day and was very happy with what she found.

Hayward, who was not present at the meeting, had issued an Agent Report which was read during the public meeting by Pallotta McDermott. The report stated that the site was inspected for Compliance under the Order of Conditions for 321-0062 and that Hayward was pleased to find that the site fell into compliance with the Order of Conditions.

- The vegetated surfaces that were disturbed during construction were seeded and had greened up with recent rain.
- All erosion control measures had been removed from the site.

- The pruning that took place to allow law enforcement visual sight lines into the pool area look healthy and did not ruin the aesthetic beauty of the river's edge.
- Hayward pointed out that a few minor pieces of trash that had blown onto the site would be removed by the end of the week, per his conversation with McHugh.
- Hayward recommended that the CC go ahead and issue a Certificate of Compliance based on his findings at the site.
- In closing his report, Hayward thanked McHugh for his follow through in requesting a Certificate of Compliance for this DCR project, and giving the CC the opportunity to confirm that the project complies with the conditions set forth in the order of conditions they issued in 2015.

After the report was read by Pallotta McDermott, and all questions were answered by McHugh, Pallotta McDermott asked if the commission was ready to make a motion.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Taverna to issue a Certificate of Compliance for the Dealtry Pool Spray Deck order of conditions. Martin seconded the motion.

**Vote:** A unanimous vote was reached to issue a Certificate of Compliance for the Dealtry Pool Spray Deck project.

## **2) Minutes from October 5, 2016 meeting**

The minutes from October 5, 2016 were reviewed. After minor modifications a motion was made to accept the minutes.

**Motion:** Rose made a motion to approve the minutes of October 5, 2016 with minor modification. Taverna seconded the motion.

**Vote:** A unanimous vote was reached to adopt the minutes of the October 5, 2016 meeting.

## **3) Agent update on various permitted projects**

The update written about the Dealtry Pool Spray Deck was read into the record during the public hearing on Dealtry Pool.

Pallotta McDermott read a recent email written by Steve Magoon, Director of Community Development and Planning outlining proper procedure and communication for meetings governed by the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.

In accordance with the procedures outlined in the email written by Magoon, Pallotta McDermott offered CC members a chance to suggest any items they would like to see on the agenda for the December meeting.

Items requested for the December 2016 meeting are the following:

- a. Review of 2017 Meeting Dates and Filing Deadlines for the Conservation Commission with the January meeting of 2017 to take place on the second Wednesday of January rather than on the first Wednesday which is January 2, 2017.
- b. Status report and recap of CPA elections results by Maria Rose.
- c. Suggested items for the January 2017 CC meeting Agenda.

Pallotta-McDermott also explained that all CC members would have until the Wednesday before every Conservation Commission Meeting to contact Agent Hayward, or Susan Jenness, his assistant, with any topics they wish to discuss at the coming meeting. Pallotta-McDermott explained that this would allow all items to be placed on the agenda and published in accordance with Open Meeting Laws, and also give the Conservation Office an opportunity to distribute any materials to be included in the discussion to members of the CC in their meeting packages.

**Motion:** Rose made a motion to close the meeting. Taverna seconded the motion.

**Vote:** A unanimous vote was reached to close the meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned.**