

Minutes

Watertown Conservation Commission

**Lower Hearing Room**

**Wednesday, June 4, 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

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

Hayward reported that Tony Stella, representative of the applicant, requested, in writing, a continuance to the July 2008 meeting due to the ongoing storm drain study.

Hayward reported that he, Rose, representative from DPW, Stella and Bryan met at the site to assess the existing drain line and proposed connection. Due to the conditions at the site, it was suggested to Stella that a study be conducted of the catch basins to the river. Hayward said that the reason there is such poor drainage at the site is that the 24" pipe collapses into a 12' pipe. He explained that there appears a possible collapse at another point.

Rose added that at this visit she asked that other routes be located without going through the building, that the applicant prove that it's not possible to recharge at the site and that

the condition of the pipes be ascertained. She noted that there is uncertainty who owns the pipes. A test pit was excavated during a second site visit in May.

Hammett recommended that the status of the condition of the pipes and their drainage be determined for all applicants.

Rose noted that the applicant has to camera the line and to report the conditions to the DPW. The extent of drain pipes to be inspected by CCTV should be coordinated with DPW.

Hammett questioned whether this is part of the Pleasant Street reconstruction project through Mass Highway.

Pallotta McDermott noted that the pipe ownership needs to be resolved by the July meeting.

Rose indicated that the project is not difficult but that the access is difficult. She commented that the ownership and easement were questionable, and that there might be a legal issue.

Martin recommended that if the Town does not have easement, the pipe be abandoned.

**Note:** Hammett moved to continue the Public Hearing on 69 Howard Street. Taverna seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

## 2. Old Business

Item	Update status
Whitney Hill Report	Falkoff has placed the item on hold pending a report from K&P.
Recycling Center/Filippello Park	Pallotta McDermott to contact the Town Council President to place the item on the agenda.

Storm Water Management Standards	Rose presented an overview of the new SWMS. She distributed MDEP's "Changes to the MA Stormwater Management Standards" to CC members. (See Item #3)
Water Conservation Program	Pallotta McDermott talked to Mee regarding water conservation program, i.e.: sprinkler system water conservation measures. No progress.
Gore Estate	TC discussed item in Executive Session in December 2006. No update.
Ordinance	Pallotta McDermott to get a status update on the joint subcommittee who will review the item.
Pleasant Street Master Plan	Meetings are scheduled to review the Plan, e-mail ideas or comments to Hammett.
Grant Funding for Open Space	Pallotta McDermott received acknowledgement from Younger about her letter requesting that TC actively solicit grants for open space.

### **3. Discussion of the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Standards**

Rose lead a discussion on the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Standards based on the "Changes to the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Standards" published by Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Rose reported that 270 Pleasant Street - Hartz Mason had 3 releases and that the Class II status has been remediated and closed. Pallotta McDermott asked that Hayward and the Health Dept. do a DEP file review for information on the site. Hammett suggested inviting Anne Marie DesMarais to review the file and the site owner to present information on the site to the CC. Rose proposed the site as a possible 319 grant. Pallotta McDermott recommended that the information be gathered from the Health Dept.

Rose reported that there are no possible 319 Grant Projects. However, she is pro-actively meeting with the Planning Dept. to pursue grants jointly.

After an extended discussion on the storm water issue and after a unanimous voted of the CC recommending that the Town establish a Storm Water Advisory Committee, McDermott Pallotta recommended that a letter setting forth this request be sent to the Town Manager and Town Council President. She agreed to write this letter. It was recommended that the

committee have representatives of the CC, Planning Board, and Environmental Safety Commission.

Hayward suggested discussing with Mee the contents of the letter.

4. **May Minutes** – approved.

5. **Agent Report**

**RDA-Maine RR Pesticide Application** – Hayward explained that the request appears to be outside the CC jurisdiction. He believed that the area had no impacted wetlands. He requested a volunteer from the CC to conduct a site visit to determine the existence of wetlands in the area. Fairbairn volunteered.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.