

Watertown Conservation Commission

Lower Hearing Room

Wednesday, December 3, 2008

7:30p.m.

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

Staff Present: Hayward, Collins

Members of the Public Present: See Sign-In Form

1. **November Minutes** – Approved.

2. **2009 CC Meeting Calendar** - Approved. The September meeting is rescheduled to September 9, 2009.

3. **Old Business**

Item	Update status
Whitney Hill Report	Vote: Hammett moved to proceed on the transfer of Whitney Hill to the CC following the process recommended by the Town Attorney. Martin seconded. Approved by unanimous vote. Rose recommended a conservation restriction to bind the property further. It was determined that a land survey and map of the area was needed before going to the state legislature.
Recycling Center/Filippello Park	Pallotta McDermott sent a letter to Magoon requesting a status on the relocation of the Recycling Center. Magoon to

	discuss item with Hayward, Pallotta McDermott to be included
Stormwater Management Standards	Goal – to pursue the establishment of a Stormwater Management Advisory Committee. Hammett to present before the TC Public Works Subcommittee. Rose to report back. On 12/4/2008, Hammett and Rose will lead the CC's informational presentation on water management at the library.
Gore Estate	TC discussed item in Executive Session in December 2006. No update.
Rules and Regulations	To be updated. See more on this item under New Business.
Avitrol with Potential Contact into Stormwater	Pallotta McDermott sent a letter of appreciation to Magoon and requested that a non-toxic choice be used in the future.
Rivers Protection Act	Options are 1) to hire a consultant to id areas under the RPA, 2) for Rose to assist in identifying the RPA areas using existing Town technology and data. Hayward to contact the PB about the RPA and its possible impact in their review process.
GSA	Pallotta to submit a letter to the new commissioner at DCR regarding the CC position and history on the GSA site.

4. New Business

Rules and Regulations Update/Hiring of Hammett

Pallotta McDermott proposed hiring Hammett to update the Rules and Regulations after she retires from the CC. Hammett agreed to do the work if she could do it by email. Rose inquired about rate. Bering questioned the timeline for completion. Hammett assured she could accomplish the update well before June. Pallotta McDermott noted that negotiation details to hire would be done after Hammett retires from the CC on December 31, 2009. Bering requested that the item be tabled. Pallotta McDermott requested that the item be placed on the Agenda for January.

5. Agent's Report

Hayward reported the removal of several hazard trees at the Lowell School. In coordination with the school community, he will replace them in the spring.

Hayward noted that the DCR returned \$109K – apparently it is the Town’s share of the cost to restore the Watertown Square Landing. Hayward has calls to Dan Driscoll and others at DCR for information on the DCR’s commitment and status on the project.

Hayward informed that the DPW has determined that the water observed at Outfall #15 was from natural groundwater seepage. The e-coli identified by the DPW at that outfall is attributed to pet waste. Hayward noted that the outfall was in good repair. Martin and Rose noted that their original concern about the outfall was its physical condition. Nevertheless, Hammett was concerned about source controls of pet waste.

Pallotta McDermott expressed appreciation for Hammett’s many years of contributions to the CC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.