

**Brookline Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, July 28, 2020, 7:00 PM**  
**Zoom Virtual Conference**

**Commissioners Present:** Marcus Quigley (Chair), Roberta Schnoor (Vice Chair), Pamela Harvey, Pallavi Kalia Mande, Werner Lohe, Marian Lazar (Associate)

**Commissioners Absent:** Benjamin Wish

**Staff Present:** Tom Brady (Conservation Administrator), Katie Weatherseed (Conservation Assistant)

**Guests:** See attached.

**AGENDA REVIEW/MINUTES**

M. Quigley opened the meeting. The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from June 14, 2020.

*R. Schnoor made a motion to approve the minutes from June 14, 2020 with a minor amendment. P. Harvey seconded. All in favor.*

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE REQUEST FOR DEP FILE NO. 120-139, BWB 10-01 57 LAUREL ROAD**

T. Brady introduced the request for a Certificate of Compliance for 57 Laurel Road, stating that the Order of Conditions is from approximately a decade ago. He described the original project, noting that most of the proposed work was located within the buffer zone. He stated that he conducted a site inspection and noted that he believes all work was conducted in compliance with the approved plans.

*P. Harvey moved that the Commission issue a Certificate of Compliance for 57 Laurel Road, DEP File No. 120-139 BWB 10-01. R. Schnoor seconded. All in favor.*

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE REQUEST FOR DEP FILE NO. 120-160, BWB 16-04 815 NEWTON STREET (BACK LANDFILL)**

T. Brady introduced the request for a Certificate of Compliance for the rear landfill project. He stated that this project involved the removal of waste from the Lost Pond Sanctuary and the restoration of the area to a meadow with plantings. T. Brady noted that the plantings have taken hold very well. He stated that during the course of construction, the crews had a mishap with a piece of equipment and had to do an additional restoration effort. He stated that he conducted a site visit, and has confirmed that all work was done in compliance with the approved plans.

*P. Harvey moved that the Commission issue a Certificate of Compliance for Newton Street (Back Landfill), DEP File No. 120-160 BWB 16-04. P. K. Mande seconded. All in favor.*

## **MUDDY RIVER UPDATE**

T. Brady noted that construction is underway – fences have been erected and signage will be posted shortly. He noted that the Commission should see some heavy equipment moving in soon. Dredging is anticipated to begin in September and will continue through the fall, into the early part of next year.

P. Harvey inquired about potential impacts on wildlife. T. Brady replied that the work is not anticipated to have any detrimental impact on wildlife.

P. K. Mande inquired about MMOC's involvement and additional recommendations. T. Brady replied that the DEP have had an active dialogue with the MMOC.

P. Harvey suggested that educational signage be developed to help people understand the history of the area and what "daylighting" means. T. Brady said that he will pass that idea along to his Boston counterparts. T. Brady noted that interpretive signage has been put up, but has been subject to graffiti. P. Harvey also suggested signage for birders.

## **STAFF UPDATE**

T. Brady stated that he has had a request from the School for the Blind that the gate connecting the parking lot to Amory Woods be locked. He stated that this access point will be locked going forward.

T. Brady stated that he has spent time at The Country Club and they are starting work on a path relocation project. He noted that he has been in active discussions with The Country Club and the Water and Sewer Director to try and identify the source of discharge into the Primrose Pond.

T. Brady noted that algal blooms have been an issue across Town, and stated that the Larz Anderson Lagoon and ponds within The Country Club have been treated.

T. Brady stated that Alex Cassie, Code Enforcement and Visitor Services Supervisor, has been coordinating volunteer projects with the Brookline Teen Center. P. Harvey asked if there is some way that the Commission could thank them for their work. T. Brady stated that A. Cassie will be leading the charge on that.

T. Brady stated that he had received three Order of Condition Extension Requests from The Country Club. He noted the three open Orders: DEP File No. 120-169 BWB 17-08 for the Primrose Pond Bridge Replacement Project, DEP File No. 120-170 BWB 17-09 for selective tree removal, and DEP File No. 120-171 BWB 17-11 for the Cart Path and Utility Relocation Project. He commented that The Country Club has been very good at communicating as work is progressing. He stated that he was at The Club the other day and would encourage the Commission to grant these three extensions.

*P. Harvey made a motion to grant two-year extensions for each of the following open orders: DEP File No. 120-169 BWB 17-08 for the Primrose Pond Bridge Replacement Project, DEP File No. 120-170 BWB 17-09 for selective tree removal, and DEP File No. 120-171 BWB 17-11 for the Cart Path and Utility Relocation Project. R. Schnoor seconded. All in favor.*

T. Brady stated that the Larz Anderson Lagoon Project had a successful pre-bid meeting, and noted that the Commission should expect a Notice of Intent at their next meeting for the Baker School Tennis Courts.

T. Brady stated that river otters have been spotted in the Brookline Reservoir. He noted that they may upset the ecosystem and will be monitoring the situation.

P. Harvey asked if T. Brady had any additional information about the potential Conservation Restriction on Goddard Avenue. T. Brady said that the homeowner is currently away and he has not heard from her.

W. Lohe made a motion to adjourn. P. Harvey seconded. All in favor.

**ADJOURN**

Minutes prepared by K. Weatherseed