



CONSERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Date: March 23, 2017
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: City Hall, Room 204

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NOTE: Items may be called in any order, at the Chair’s discretion.

NOTE: The Conservation Commission reserves the right to discuss open wetland cases during the public meeting at which they are due to be heard.

DECISIONS -- WETLANDS

1. **NOI -- 229 Cabot St – DEP File #239-_____ -- Renovation and addition to Cabot School**
 - o **Owner:** City of Newton **Applicant:** Public Buildings (Joshua Morse) **Rep.:** Fredric King (Schofield Brothers LLC)
 - o **Request:** Renovation and addition to Cabot Elementary School, along with associated site improvements including new driveways, parking areas, entry plazas, bus drop-off, play areas, and new landscaping, to accommodate requisite school expansion. There will be a 20,431 sf increase in impervious area. Construction period controls are called out on the plan. Stormwater management improvements are planned to meet current standards; LID additions include: infiltration chambers, 3 tree box filters, porous paving at wester courtyard, porous play area, country drainage to grassed swale. 5 new drain connections to Edmands Brook culvert will be pre-treated.
2. **NOI -- 331 California St/ Bridge St – DEP File #239-_____ -- Repair a portion of Charles River Greenway between 331 California St and Bridge St to improve existing trail.**
 - o **Owner:** Massachusetts Dept. of Conservation and Recreation **Applicant:** Paul Jahnige (Director of Greenways and Trails) **Rep.:** Andrea Kendall
 - o **Request:** Full-depth reclamation of 1500’ of existing bituminous concrete, 540 ‘ (or 1210’ of partial depth reclamation, funds allowing) of existing bituminous concrete, and repair of decking of the existing 440’ elevated wooden boardwalk of the Charles River Greenway between California St and the Newton/Watertown City Line.
3. **NOI -- 96 Suffolk Rd – DEP File #239-_____ -- Addition to existing single family home**
 - o **Owner:** Elizabeth Dowd **Applicant:** Christopher Dallmus **Rep.:** Mary Trudeau
 - o **Request:** Construction of 493 square foot addition to existing single family house
4. **Informal discussion – Proposal to build a bridge at Nahanton Park**
5. **Informal discussion – 260 Franklin St. Julia Elhauge -- Proposal to build a deck and cut 1 hemlock tree in RFA.**
 - Construction of the deck over lawn (150’ from the stream) is exempt from the need to file, but cutting 1 10” hemlock (in a group of 4) is not.
 - How would the Commission like the applicant to proceed: Administrative Approval, RDA, or NOI all with or with/out tree replacement?
6. **COC requests – none to date**

DECISIONS -- CONSERVATION AREAS

7. **Webster Conservation Area – request to address bittersweet and hanging limbs**

DECISIONS -- ADMINISTRATIVE

8. **Minutes of 2/2/17** to be approved.
 - o **Documents Presented:** draft minutes

UPDATES -- CONSERVATION AREAS

9. **Dog initiative** – Articles for the TAB, signs for Conservation parcels, coordination with Police

OTHER TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR 48 HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING

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