



CONSERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Date: May 25th, 2017
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: City Hall, Room 204

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

I. WETLANDS

1. **RDA – 1 Nonantum Rd. – Replace gasoline tank lid and pipe system; cut dying pine trees**
 - o Owner: Dept. of Cons. and Recreation (DCR) Applicant: Newton Yacht Club
2. **NOI --Ware’s Cove at the Charles River – DEP File #239-784 -- Aquatic Plant and Algae Management Project**
 - o Owner: Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Applicant: Tom Flannery (DCR)
Request: Project aims to control/manage invasive aquatic weed (fanwort, milfoil, water chestnut, water lilies) and algae populations using a variety of management strategies
3. **Discussion with MBTA about submitting an NOI for cutting trees in wetland jurisdiction along the MBTA right-of-way.**
 - o Owner: various Applicant: MBTA (Holly Palmgren) Rep: Jacobs Engineering (Tess Paganelli, Jonathan Bruneau), arborist (Tom Chamberlain)
 - o Request: Will the Conservation Commission become a signatory to the impending Notice of Intent for tree cutting in wetlands jurisdiction across Newton? 71 trees are to be cut or pruned or monitored.
4. **Extension of OOC -- 777 Dedham St. 239-697**
 - o Owner: Mt. Ida College Applicant: Bedford Design Consultants Rep.: Bedford Design
 - o Request: Grant a 1-year extension to allow for the completion of the porous pavement and replacement of 4 shrubs.
5. **E-Cert Ratification – Sawmill Brook (at Wayne Rd) – alleviate flooding by pumping floodwaters and removing trees**
 - o Owner: Conservation Commission Applicant: DPW (Mike Ovaska) Rep.: none
6. **COC requests – none to date**

II. CONSERVATION AREAS

7. **Discussion with MBTA about cutting trees on Conservation properties (Houghton Garden and Webster Conservation Area) in uplands – i.e., granting permission for work on public land.**
 - o Owner: Con Com Applicant: MBTA (Holly Palmgren) Rep: Jacobs Engineering (Tess Paganelli, Jonathan Bruneau), arborist (Tom Chamberlain)
 - o Request: Will the Conservation Commission allow the proposed tree cutting on upland Conservation Commission land? 56 trees are currently identified to be removed, topped, pruned, or monitored.
8. **Recent fires at Kennard (mostly in Brookline) and Webster – The Hazard Mitigation Plan is weak**

III. ADMINISTRATIVE

9. **Minutes of 5/4/17 to be approved.**

IV. ISSUES AROUND TOWN



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UPDATES

V. WETLANDS

10. **55 Boylston St. (The Street)** – Plan to refile for modified buildings: one on the pond, one in the main parking lot.

VI. CONSERVATION AREAS

VII. ISSUES AROUND TOWN

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11. **Membership**

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

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