

CONSERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Date: September 29, 2016
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: City Hall, Room 204



Mayor
Setti D. Warren

**Acting Director
Planning &
Development**
James Freas

**Senior
Environmental
Planner**
Jennifer Steel

**Conservation
Commission
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Dan Green
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WETLANDS (DECISIONS)

1. **NOI (cont'd) – 55 Grace Rd. – DEP File #239-767 -- Removal of a hemlock “hedge”, replacement with smaller shrubs**
 - o Owner: Joel Sable Applicant: same Rep.: AES (Russ Waldron)
 - o Request: Remove hemlock “hedge”, replace with smaller native shrubs
2. **NOI (cont'd) -- 56 Greenwood St. – DEP File #239-768 -- reconstruction of a SFH**
 - o Owner: Gene and Rita Spivak Applicant: same Rep.: Cabco (Chuck Budnick) Joe Trainor (Construction Manager)
 - o Request: Reconstruct existing single family home, connect newly defined swale to City storm drain, install new utilities, remove retaining wall and re-landscape
3. **Continued NOI -- 27 & 55 Boylston St. – DEP File #239-765 -- new buildings, building alterations, new stormwater features**
 - o Owner: Chestnut Hill Shopping Center LLC (Katie Wetherbee, WS Development) Applicant: same Rep.: Tighe & Bond (Joe Persechino)
 - o Request (within 100’ buffer zone): develop 2 new buildings with green roofs at the edge of Hammond Pond, reconstruct 3 rain gardens, utilize permeable pavers to increase infiltration and treatment. (More redevelopment will be occurring outside the 100’ buffer; all stormwater from the whole site drains to Hammond Pond).
4. **COC Requests**
 - o 170 Needham St. 239-687, Vitamin Shop.
 - o 311 Albemarle Rd. 239-623, teardown/rebuild of a single family home.
 - o 31 Buswell Park. 239-707, landscaping and drainage for a single family home.
5. **DPW/Utilities sought an E-Cert for emergency repair sewer work.**

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES (DECISIONS)

6. Minutes of 9/8/16 to be approved

CONSERVATION AREAS (DECISIONS)

7. None at this time

ISSUES AROUND TOWN (DECISIONS)

8. None at this time

UPDATES ON ACTIVE MATTERS

9. **Wetlands**
 - o Dedham St stormwater project changes
10. **Conservation Areas**
 - o David Backer, Director, Newton Envi. Sci Program to present his annual update
 - o David Reilly, Bee Keeper, to present his interest in placing hives at Norumbega
 - o Deer Park Sub-committee findings
 - o Normubega – potholes will be filled. Workday will be 10/8/16
 - o Kennard Sculpture Trail lecture series. Jennifer Steel gave a talk on 9/21
 - o Land Management budget sheet has been updated.
 - o QR stickers
11. **Issues Around Town**
 - o Northland redevelopment
 - o West Newton Square enhancements (July 2017)
 - o Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment (now)
12. **Administrative Matters**

OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION - None at this time