

**City of Somerville
Conservation Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2004**

- I. Meeting opened** at Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (SPCD) conference room, 3rd floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, at 7:12 pm.

Present were: Conservation Commission (CC) members John Reinhardt, Michael Fager, Chair, Delia Kaye, Ben Ericson and Stephen Winslow of SPCD. Also present were Robin Pfetsch of the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Robert Del Savio of BHA Architects, John McKinnon of HW Moore and Chris Scypinski of 115 Sunnyside Avenue, Arlington.

- II. Minutes from Last Meeting:** Approval of the November minutes was deferred until January.

III. Old Business

1. Public Meeting on Dilboy Memorial Field Renovations: at this time the Commission re-opened the Public Meeting on the proposal by DCR for renovations to Dilboy Memorial Field. Robin Pfetsch of DCR and Rob Del Savio DCR's architect answered further questions on DCR's proposal to the Commission.

Stephen Winslow of SPCD noted that DCR had resubmitted the Notice of Intent Stormwater Water Management Calculations on the most current Department of Environmental Protection forms. The NOI had been filled out to reflect the resource areas impacted by the anticipated work, particularly the work to repair the storm drain outfall into the Alewife Brook. A DCR representative needs to sign the Stormwater Management Form.

Chairperson Kaye noted that a November 23, 2004 letter on re-seeding disturbed areas only planned on reseeding with standard Kentucky Bluegrass mix. Within jurisdictional areas, the Commission typically requires the use of New England Erosion Control grass mixture or an equivalent. In this instance, the Commission wants the landscape plan to show that jurisdictional areas outside the track will be planted with the New England Erosion Control mix.

John McKinnon of HW Moore asked if the New England Erosion Control mix requirement could simply be added as a condition rather than placed on the plans. Commissioners expressed concern that a condition can more readily be overlooked than notions on the landscape plans.

Chris Scypinski, a neighbor from Arlington asked if the project would result in additional filling of the flood plain. John McKinnon noted that no fill will be added in the flood plain and there will be a slight reduction in impervious surfaces. Ms. Scypinski asked whether the artificial turf would be considered impervious. Mr. McKinnon noted that artificial turf is pervious and that drains similar to the ones that drain the existing natural turf field will capture the drainage through the artificial turf.

A question was asked about clean up from concessions. Robin Pftesch of DCR explained that DCR as manager of the property is responsible for clean up. Daily clean-ups occur from April to November.

Ben Ericson moved to close the hearing. Mike Fager seconded the motion.

Voted: To close the hearing – unanimous.

Motion by Michael Fager to issue an Order of Conditions based on the November 23, 2004 updated Notice of Intent and Stormwater Management Form provided that the Department of Conservation and Recreation submit a landscape plan than includes a planting list and indicates locations of New England Erosion Control seed mixture.

Seconded by John Reinhardt.

Voted: To accept the motion of Chairperson Kaye to issue an Order of Conditions once DCR resubmits a revised landscape plan. Unanimously approved.

2. Mystic River Interpretative Signs: The Commission expressed its continued interest in having the Department of Conservation and Recreation apply for a Determination of Non-Applicability. Indications from DCR were that a small bobcat would be used to remove enough soil to place concrete to secure the signposts. Given the late date, DCR expected to have the work done in an area outside the resource area before the Conservation Commission could act.
3. Stephen Winslow announced that the City planned to expend \$1500 in UDAG funds to pay for the delivery of compost to the Glen Park community garden.

IV. New Business

1. None presented

Motion for Adjournment at 7:40 pm by Ericson, Second by Reinhardt. Approved Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Winslow, SPCD