



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
**JOSEPH A. CURTATONE**  
**MAYOR**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009

MINUTES

Meeting at Somerville City Hall

7:00 PM

OSPCD 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

**Commission Members in attendance:**

Rob Staaf, Mathias Neuber, Michael Fager, Elizabeth Pyle, John Reinhardt, Delia Kaye

**Commission Members absent:**

David Turin

**Others in attendance:**

Ron Burns (Coler & Colantonio), Robert Wildey (VHB), Tim McIntosh (VHB), David Webster (FRIT)

**Staff:**

Michael Lambert (OSPCD), Kathleen Ziegenfuss (OSPCD)

Agenda Items:

- I. Staff Change: New Conservation Agent, Kathleen Ziegenfuss (*start of recording*)
  - Introductions of all Commissioners and staff
- II. Order of Conditions, Alewife Bridge (*15 minutes*)

Applicant: Rob Antico (DCR)

**Voted Actions Taken: None.**

- Order of Conditions to be drafted by Commission prior to next meeting.

**Hearing continued to Tuesday, January 7, 2010 at 7:00 pm.**

- III. Assembly Square Gateway Elements, NOI (*24 minutes*)

Applicant: FR Sturtevant Street, LLC

Agent: Gene Crouch, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., presented by Robert Wildey (VHB)

**Voted Actions Taken: None.**



Issues raised: (33 minutes)

- Route 28 is a nesting area for the common tern (MA species of special concern)
  - Start of construction is during nesting period of common tern
  - Contact Fish and Wildlife for restrictions on time
  - Coordinate with Natural Heritage Program on timing
  - Should be included in OOC
- Q: What species of tree will be planted?
  - Answer: Callery Pear, box wood, day lilies in the planter in front
  - ConCom would prefer native species--shadbush, bayberry
- Not within 100 year flood plain
- VHB to send draft OOC, additional condition added for common tern, ConCom members will comment and then reconvene to sign and continue hearing.

**Hearing continued to Monday, December 14, 2009 at 6:30 pm.**

IV. New Business

- Washington Street Repaving Project – Letter to Massachusetts Department of Transportation (54 minutes)
  - Revise letter as amended
- Public Land Preservation Act Letter (59 minutes)
  - Revise letter as amended

V. Approval of Minutes (65 minutes)

- Minutes approved as amended

VI. Other Updates

- None

Next meeting dates: Monday December 14, 2009 at 6:30pm, Thursday January 7, 2010 at 7:00pm, and Thursday January 26 at 7:00 pm.

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