



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

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2010

MINUTES

Meeting at Somerville City Hall

7:00 PM

OSPCD 3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

Commission Members in attendance:

Rob Staaf, Mathias Neuber, Michael Fager, Elizabeth Pyle, John Reinhardt, David Turin

Commission Members absent:

Delia Kaye

Others in attendance

Paul Simmons

Staff:

Kathleen Ziegenfuss (OSPCD)

Agenda Items:

- I. Community Gardens (7:08)
 - Commission members discussed proposed policy
 - Kathleen to make changes to draft policy
 - Kathleen to provide requested data to the Conservation Commission on current operations of the gardens
 - Kathleen to invite Citywide coordinator and community garden coordinators to the next Conservation Commission meeting

- II. New Business (8:35)
 - Assembly Square Drive
 - MassDOT will manage construction of Assembly Square Drive, erosion control measures left in place over winter
 - Draft Small Municipal Separate Storm Water System (MS4) Permit
 - Discussion of implications of the permit

Voted Actions Taken:

Liz Pyle to write a letter on behalf of the Conservation Commission in support of the MS4 Permit

- Move to approve, Michael Fager (8:46)
- Second: Rob Staff
- Vote: 4 in favor, 2 abstain (Dan Turin and John Reinhardt)
- To be determined if David Turin and John Reinhardt will sign
- Bioengineering Group exploratory borings for Alewife Greenway
 - No borings have been done to date



- MDAR Public hearing on Vegetation Management Plan/CSX rights of way
 - Conservation Commission reviewed CSX Vegetation Management plan, no action needed

- III. Approval of Minutes (8:55)
 - January 26, 2010
 - Approved as amended
 - Move to approve: Rob Staaf
 - Second: Michael Fager
 - Vote: 6 in favor (8:56)

- IV. Other Updates (8:45)
 - Open Space and Rec Plan: City to apply for 2-year extension
 - Includes MET grant, Blue-backed Herring Route project
 - Charles River Cleanup/Mystic River Cleanup on Earth Day, Saturday April 24
 - Overview of potential changes to Assembly on the Mystic Proposed 72-Inch Storm Drain and Outfall OOC and additional boring
 - Robert Wildey from VHB will present more details at next ConCom meeting

- V. Adjourn (9:10)
 - Move to adjourn: Rob Staaf
 - Second: Michael Fager
 - Vote: 6 in favor

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