



## City of Cambridge Conservation Commission

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### Public Meeting – Monday, October 22, 2018 at 7:00PM 147 Hampshire Street, Main Conference Room

#### MEETING MINUTES

The following meeting minutes were taken by Tracy Dwyer and are respectfully submitted.

Present Commission Members: Ted Pickering (Acting Chair), Kaki Martin, Elysse Magnotto-Cleary, David Lyons and Jennifer Letourneau (Director)

Absent Commission Members: Purvi Patel (Chair), and 2 Vacancies

Attendees: James Wilcox, Cambridge Public Works; Bob Lawler, Boston Duck Tours; Tracy Dwyer, Cambridge Public Works; Ken Nugent

Ted Pickering opened the hearing.

#### **7:05 - Notice of Intent**

##### **Boston Duck Tours – Boat Ramp Maintenance**

##### **DEP File TBD**

Bob Lawler from Boston Duck tours stated that the boat ramp that they use located underneath the North Bank Bridge is leased by Boston Duck Tours from DCR, with the lease they also agree to maintain the ramp for the DCR. Bob stated that the blocks located on the walls are starting to shift and will need to be taken out, cleaned out and replaced properly. The reason for the deterioration is from the waves hit the walls on the ramp. They expect the project to be completed in thirty (30) days and would like to start the work commencing after their last tour with the boats which is the weekend following the Thanksgiving holiday. The ramp is used by Boston Duck Tours, State Police, Cambridge Fire, DCR and Environmental Police. The public does not use this boat ramp.

Jim Wilcox from DPW did a technical review of the project and plans submitted. Jim provided a memo to the Commission. The memo was reviewed as part of the hearing.

Public comment was opened, there were no comments. Public comment was unanimously closed.

It was agreed that several components were missing or need to be resubmitted. The Commission debated whether to continue the hearing or conditionally approve the OOC allowing

administrative compliance. The Commission unanimously approved with the special condition that Boston Duck Tours resubmit the required information in the City's Engineering review memo. The Commission would also like before, after and during photos.

**7:28 - Administrative Topics**

Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2018 were approved.

Conservation Commission Updates: Recent Activities of the Friends of Alewife Reservation (FAR). Jennifer along with DEP suggestion was to work with FAR and agree to file a NOI even though they have pasted the time frame for submitting the paperwork. Jennifer is working with FAR as lessons learned from their “clean-up” event in June.

**7:40 - Other Business**

Ted Pickering asked if there were any news about the approval of two (2) new members for the Commission. Jennifer stated that she submitted paperwork to the City Manager for his approval and is waiting to hear back.

Kaki wanted to discuss the decision of the NOI for the Boston Duck Tours, she indicated that she felt it should have been continued, that the Commission needs be fair across the board to all applicants in the future. There was a lot of missing information to follow up with regard to the Boston Duck Tour NOI. Jennifer stated this can be a “lessons learned”, she would follow-up with the Commission at the next scheduled meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> with a complete package from the Boston Duck Boat Tours. Jennifer also stated maybe we need to think about checking in with applicants who have approved NOI's to see how the projects are going annually.

Jennifer asked if there was someone from the Commission who would like to volunteer to be on the Fresh Pond Advisory Board? Currently Purvi is serving but will no longer be able to make the meetings. David Lyons volunteered. Jennifer will get him the dates for the remaining meetings. Kaki stated she will be serving on the CPA and has begun her five (5) year term.

**8:00 - Meeting Adjourned**

