

## **May 20, 2021 - Fresh Pond Reservation Master Plan Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

(conducted via Zoom)

Submitted: Sam Corda – September 23, 2021

### **Advisory Board Members in Attendance:**

Janice Snow (Chair), David Kaplan, Janet Burns, Deborah Masterson, Claudia Thompson, Ann Roosevelt, David Lyons, Jennifer Letourneau, Candace Young and Susan Agger

### **Advisory Board Members Not in Attendance:**

Jim Barton, Adam Corbeil, Sophia Emperador and Ann Roosevelt

### **Water Department in Attendance:**

Sam Corda, Ed Dowling, Jean Rogers, Tim Puopolo

### **Others in Attendance:**

Kathleen Kelly – Water Board, Lori Tsuruda - Public

Meeting opened at 6:02 pm

Meeting Minutes: S. Corda

### **Item 1: Review Agenda**

There were no adjustments to the agenda

### **Item 2: Meeting Minutes**

David Kaplan moved, and Deborah Masterson seconded the motion to approve the January 21, 2021 meeting minutes as written. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the March 18, 2021 were deferred to the September meeting.

### **Item 3: Maynard Ecology Center (MEC) Report – Part 1 [(S. Agger, Director of Center)]**

March 11, 2020 the Cambridge Public School (CPS) system shut down. There was a no visitor policy at Neville and no school field trips. On August 20<sup>th</sup> MEC started assembling take-home science kit for students. October 20<sup>th</sup> K-3 started remote learning w/some outdoor science activities. Given the vulnerability of Neville residents to COVID they no longer feel comfortable sharing the toilet facilities along the corridor just outside the Maynard classroom. The best solution for MEC is to have a toilet within the classroom area. A related question was what formal arrangement had the City made for the permanent use of the classroom. Janice Snow noted that a key to the Master Plan's education mission was a dedicated facility at Neville to replace the MEC trailer with easy access to outdoor study sites.

Sam Corda will investigate with the City Manager the options for MEC dedicated bathrooms.

The Maynard Ecology Lab should be up and running this fall (2021). Janice Snow, Anne Roosevelt, and Kathleen Kelly plan to write a letter requesting an MOU or similar document between Neville and the City and/or CPS formalizing the MEC at that location in perpetuity.

**Item 4: Watershed Manager's Report**

*Black's Nook:* The majority of the Board present voted to move forward with a 2' dredge of Black's Nook, communicating their recommendation to the Water Board. Claudia Thompson dissented preferring to start with hydro-raking. Lead may be a minor problem and the project team will follow up with DEP for an approved sediment testing protocol. Costs may increase if dredge material has to be deposited off-site and if tests determine sediment must be mixed with clean fill.

*Pine Forest:* Area will be surveyed, and existing conditions mapped after Watertown/Cambridge Greenway project is completed. Hatch's D. Bitsko has identified a number of invasive Norway maples along the edge of the forest. The Perimeter Road needs to be ADA compliant; CWD recommends continuing the porous asphalt surfacing from Kingsley Park to the golf course. This will be included in the first phase of the project and can be further discussed at the next meeting.

*DCR Greenway:* The Greenway is scheduled to be completed in the Fall of this year. The plants will be under warranty for 4 years. Janice Snow noted that there should be no connection from the Greenway to the Perimeter Road; long-term temporary fencing along with plantings could be used to accomplish this.

*Temporary Signage:* Sandwich boards will be placed at the Treatment Plant entrance and under the Huron Avenue bridge to identify the Pine Forest as a sensitive natural area and a wildlife crossing. The Board commented on a draft sign presented by David Kaplan.

*Huron Avenue Sidewalk:* This work will start this fall at the earliest and likely later.

*Little Fresh Pond Shoreline:* Claudia Thompson moved and Candace Young seconded the motion to recommend the latest [version](#) of the shoreline restoration design. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

*Greenway Retention/Detention Basin (near WTP):* It was recommended that we remove the mulch in this basin and plant the "woodland seed mix" in its place. This will be further discussed at our next meeting.

*Landscape Management Report:* No updates

**Item 5: Pat Pratt Memorial Grove Site Planting Plan and Plantings**

Vinnie, Louise, Janet, Maggie and Berit Pratt oversaw the planting of the three oak trees. An understory planting plan will be developed in the future.

**Item 6: Status: Advisory Board Naming Recommendations for Completed Drainage/Community Garden Project Area to City Manager**

Review the status of the recommendation to rename the Drainage/Community Garden project "Harrington Way".

**Item 7: 2021-2022 Term Proposed Meeting Schedule**

September 23, 2021; November 18, 2021; March 17, 2022; May 19, 2022; Optional meeting dates if needed: Jan 20<sup>th</sup> and/or April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

David Kaplan moved and Candace Young seconded the motion to accept the above dates for the Fresh Pond Advisory Board. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**Item 8: Preliminary Agenda for September Meeting**

Watershed Mangers Report, Updates on Huron Ave and Pine Forest, Eco-Counter /Fresh Pond User Report, FY22 & 23 Budgeting Master Plan Projects Update, Maynard Ecology Center Report – Part 2.

**Item 9: Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

Candace Young moved, and Susan Agger seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.