

November 17, 2022 - Fresh Pond Reservation Master Plan Advisory Board Meeting

Minutes (conducted via Zoom)

Submitted: Sam Corda –March 16, 2023

Advisory Board Members in Attendance:

Janice Snow (Chair), David Kaplan, Jennifer Letourneau, Adam Corbeil, Candace Young, Ann Roosevelt, David Lyons and Susan Agger

Advisory Board Members Not in Attendance:

Jim Barton, Deborah Masterson, Sophia Emperador, Claudia Thompson, Janet Burns

Water Department in Attendance:

Sam Corda, Julie Greenwood-Torelli, Tim Puopolo

Others in Attendance:

Meeting opened at 6:10 pm

Meeting Minutes: S. Corda

Item 1: Review Agenda

Item 2: Meeting Minutes

No minutes to review.

Item 3: Watershed Manager's Report

Huron Forest Phase 1: Precision Land Survey will be surveying the 16 acre project area. They will pick up trees greater than 12 inches. The survey is expected to take about a week. J. Snow requested CWD share the existing conditions survey plan when completed.

Update on DPW's Huron Ave Sidewalk, roadway bike lanes & Tree Plantings: DPW is still waiting for bid.

Report on 10/19/2022 – 200th Olmsted Anniversary Walk at Fresh Pond with Tim Puopolo
NPS's FL Olmsted National Historic Site, in Brookline sponsored a public walk and talk event hosted at Fresh Pond discussing Olmsted's influence on the design of Fresh Pond Reservation.

Ranger Tim shared a clip on his Monarch work shown on WCVB TV's Chronicle. He will be hosting a milkweed seed giveaway program.

Landscape Management Report:

Winter Preparations: Preparations are underway.

Wildlife Issues: CWD is averaging about a monthly treatment of deer spray. It's hard to tell if these are having an affect due to plant loss caused by the drought. The treatment will be part of the vegetation management plan. C. Young reported that deer have been eating the tips of Christmas ferns in the Woodland.

Kingsley lawn repair: Nothing to report.

Item 4: Golf Course Buffer Zones and Winter Course Access

Adam Corbeil gave an update. 25 foot buffers will be the standard along water sources. Signs designating environmental zones will be installed. In late December snow fences and temporary pet management signs will go up.

The presentation can be found using the link below:

https://www.cambridgema.gov/-/media/Files/waterdepartment/freshpondreservation/advisoryboardagendasandminutes/Minutes/2022/FPGC_buffer_zones.pdf

Item 5: Pat Pratt Oak Grove & Chip Norton Conifer Grove

The Board discussed the possibility of a formal dedication event to show the location of the two groves, their trees species, and the history of the groves, Pat, and Chip. We might include this in a Stewardship Award Event.

Item 6: Maynard Ecology Center Annual Report

Permission was given for children to return to the Center in September. Susan expressed how grateful the children are to be back. Fourth grade students have been studying earth science. Second graders studied fallen logs searching for bugs. Some 325 students have returned to date. Susan noted the high cost of using CPS buses (\$500 for 4 hours) to bring children to the center. Adam said that the City has a bus and driver he uses for Recreation events that might be available at a lower cost during school hours to bus children to Maynard.

Susan is waiting to hear from Neville on the feasibility of converting an office into a bathroom for the students.

Item 7: Preliminary Agenda for March 16, 2023

Watershed Mangers Report, Updates on Huron Ave and Pine Forest, Annual Volunteer Report, Annual Woodland Report

Item 8: Public Comment

David Kaplan moved, and Candace Young seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.