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Public Meeting – Monday, September 10, 2012 at 7:00PM
344 Broadway, 4th Floor Conference Room
MEETING MINUTES

The following meeting minutes were taken by Jennifer Wright and are respectfully submitted.

Present Commission Members: Adam Hornstine (Chair), Kaki Martin (Vice-Chair), Purvi Patel, Blair Haney, Albe Simenas, Ted Pickering, Dorothy Altman and Jennifer Wright (Director)

Absent Commission Members: None

Attendees: Roger Frymire, Cambridge Resident; Nancy Schlacter, City Manager's Office; Charles Wilson, Hazen and Sawyer; Chip Norton, Cambridge Water Department; Ellie Baker, Horsley Witten; and Ellen Mass, Friends of Alewife Reservation

Adam Hornstine opened the hearing.

7:05 - Request for Determination of Applicability

Fawcett Street and Smith Place Roadway Improvements

Proposed work is within the floodplain

The Consultants presented an overview of the project including work pertaining to resource area disturbance (flood plain).

Cambridge resident Roger Frymire stated that he was in favor of the project. No additional public comment was offered and the Commission unanimously closed public comment.

The Commission reviewed the scope of work and granted a negative determination with special conditions relevant to construction mitigation. In addition the Commission requested the submission of a final topographic survey of the project area.

The Commission also requested the DPW to provide annual summaries of the effectiveness of their Operation and Maintenance Plan.

7:23 - Request for Determination of Applicability

Lusitania Woodland Habitat Restoration within Fresh Pond Reservation

Proposed landscape project is within bordering vegetated wetland and buffer zone to the reservoir

Chip Norton of the Cambridge Water Department presented a summary of the scope of work.

The Commission reviewed the scope of work and granted a negative determination with special conditions relevant to construction mitigation after hearing no public comment.

7:32 - Administrative Topics

Meeting Minutes August 13, 2012 – unanimously approved

Reviewed current active projects within the wetland resource areas

7:40 - Other Business

Cambridge resident Roger Frymire gave a summary of his water chestnut removal project as well as an update on the algae bloom within the Charles River lower basin.

Ellen Mass of the Friends of Alewife Reservation addressed the Commission. She stated that she is aware that she is in violation of the Wetland Protection Act. Restoration will be worked out with the land owner, the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.