

## September 22, 2016 - Fresh Pond Reservation Master Plan Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted: Sam Corda – November 17, 2016

### Advisory Board Members in Attendance:

Janice Snow (Chair), David Kaplan, Susan Agger, Jim Barton, Doug Brown, Ann Roosevelt, Claudia Thompson, Janet Burns, Candace Young

### Advisory Board Members Not in Attendance:

Lauren McPherson-Siegrist, Deborah Masterson, Jenifer Letourneau, Jamie Porecca, Adam Corbeil

### Water Department in Attendance:

Sam Corda, Tim MacDonald, Vinnie Falcione, Martine Wong

### City Manager's Office/Community Development Department in Attendance:

Taha Jennings

### Public in Attendance: Kathleen Kelly, Alison Field-Juma

Meeting opened at 6:00 pm

Meeting Minutes: S. Corda

### **Item 1: Glacken Slope Phase V Walkabout**

We toured the Glacken Slope Phase 5 construction site and returned at 6:55pm.

### **Item 2: Review Agenda**

No changes

### **Item 3: New Members Introduction**

The new members were introduced: Jamie Porecca (citizen), Adam Corbeil (New Recreation Director) and Candace Young (citizen).

### **Item 4: Meeting Minutes**

Jim Barton moved and Janet Burns seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2016 meeting as written. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

### **Item 5: 2016-2017 Meeting Schedule Reminder**

All were reminded of the future meetings: November 17 (2016), March 16 and May 18 (2017).

### **Item 6: Watershed Manager's Report**

**Glacken Slope Phase 5:** The completed project was toured by the Advisory Board. The cobble swale at the foot of the Glacken Slope has come out better than anticipated. Dave Kaplan pointed out the new porous asphalt to reduce pooling and run-off, treatment along the Reservoir fencing, erosion control measures on the base of the slope and the new relocated, resized bench to provide a resting spot for users.

**Drainage and Community Garden Project Update:** CWD plans to present the 85% design to the Conservation Commission on October 16, 2016. This revised design has preserved desirable trees. The plan is to bring the design to completion over the winter, put the contract out to bid and start construction in the late spring of 2017.

**Effects of the drought on Reservation:** Some trees were lost to the "severe" drought that Eastern Massachusetts has been enduring. The City is working to reduce irrigation by about 50% and will be turning off the irrigation

systems early where possible. As a full member of the MWRA the CWD follows the MWRA Drought Management Plan versus the State Plan and at this time the MWRA is operating within their normal operating parameters.

The Water Department has been working through the City Manager's office to post information on the web page and is also using social media to inform the general public about the drought and has been strongly suggesting water conservation in all areas possible.

***Little Fresh Pond Erosion - restoration plan:*** Erosion occurring on the southwest side of Little Fresh Pond will be repaired and the area replanted. Subsequently, long term temporary fencing will be installed to help keep this area from further eroding. Kathleen Kelly a citizen volunteer planter at Little Fresh Pond offered her support for additional temporary fencing to protect plantings along the banks of Little Fresh Pond.

**Item 7: Update on DCR Multi-Use path design, drainage and planting plan**

Little has happened since our last meeting. VHB has scheduled a meeting for the 28<sup>th</sup> of September at their offices at 6:30pm. There has been some discussion about a connection from the Multi-use path to the Perimeter Road at the Weir Meadow end of the path where the topography would allow a handicapped-accessible link. Questions were raised on the need for and possible location of temporary fencing along the Olmsted forest section of the path to prevent trampling of new plantings and existing vegetation and erosion from pets and users trying to access the Perimeter Road at multiple points.

**Item 8: Fresh Pond Day Report**

There was a large turnout for Fresh Pond Day including lots of children in attendance which was very good to see and the setup was the best yet. Susan Agger who manned the Maynard Ecology and Advisory Board tables was pleased that many children showed interest in the hands-on ecology specimens.

**Item 9: Long Term Master Plan Projects**

The current plan is to start Kingsley Park Phase II (Slope Restoration) design in FY18 with the construction to follow in FY19. Kingsley Park Phase III will be several years away; Perimeter Road reconstruction (Kingsley Park to Glacken Slope), along with the Black's Nook limnology and the Huron Avenue Forest Restoration studies will be pursued over the next few years.

**Item 10: Preliminary Agenda for November 17 Advisory Board Meeting**

Long Term Master Plan Projects, Fencing, DCR Greenway and a possible winter meeting are all potential topics for the November Advisory Board Meeting.

**Item 11: Public Comment**

There was no public comment

Ann Roosevelt moved and David Kaplan seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.