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**Public Meeting – Monday, June 12, 2017 at 7:00PM**  
**147 Hampshire Street, Main Conference Room**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

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

Present Commission Members: Purvi Patel (chair), Ted Pickering, Michael McDonough, Kaki Martin and Jennifer Letourneau (Director)

Absent Commission Members: Dorothy Altman, Lauren McPherson-Siegrist and Anna Aldric

Attendees: Andy Backman (DCR), Jake Stout (FAR), Juli Riemenschneider (landscape Architect), Sean Ross (Stantec), Ellen Mass (FAR), Bob Lawler (Boston Duck Tours) and Ingeborg Hegemann (FAR)

Purvi Patel opened the hearing.

**7:10 - Notice of Intent**

**Friends of Alewife Reservation**

Invasive Species Control and Bank Stabilization Perch Pond  
MA DEP File #123-275

After a round of introductions, Ellen Mass began to provide a history of the Friends of Alewife Reservation. Jennifer Letourneau, Director for the Commission, expressed concerns regarding the informal access being proposed and offered an alternative project location at Blair Pond. The Commission asked Andy Backman of the DCR (the property owner) if he was aware of the site. Andy was not aware that the project did not have an established access point and agreed that it was not proper to go ahead at this location.

Ingeborg Hegemann (FAR volunteer) explained the NOI process to the Commission. Jake Stout (FAR volunteer) stated his aversion to Blair Pond as did Ellen Mass.

After several questions by the Commission to ascertain whether the project as presented was legally possible, the Commission determined that the current location at Perch Pond was not viable. The Commission agreed to continue the hearing and allow Ellen to work with the DCR and Jennifer to re-draft the NOI.

**7:55 - Request for Determination of Applicability**

**Boston Duck Boat Roadway Repairs**

Maintenance Activity

Bob Lawler from Boston Duck Tours presented the project to repair potholes in the access road to the boat ramp. The Commission reviewed the location, the plans and the resource area location.

The Commission determined unanimously to issue a negative determination.

**8:00 - Administrative Topics**

Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2017: unanimously approved after adding Purvi Patel to absent  
Conservation Commission Updates

**8:05 - Other Business**

None

**8:05 - Meeting Adjourned**