

**October 23, 2002
Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Opened at 7:10 pm, at City Hall Annex, OHCD meeting room.
Present were CC Co-chair, Delia Kaye, John Reinhardt, Lisa Brukilacchio, and Janet McGowan, and agent, Anne Phelps.

Introductions were deemed unnecessary.

Administration

Janet McGowan was welcomed as a new member. Anne agreed to send out a list of regulations, by-laws, and other pertinent references for the CC, and to supply copies to members as needed.

Minutes reviewed

Vote: DK moved to accept the minutes of Sept. 25th, 2002, as amended. JR seconded. All approved.

Vote: DK moved to accept the minutes of Oct 10, 2002, a special meeting to review the Open Space Plan revisions to date. JM seconded. All approved.

Old Business

Algonquin Cert. Of Compliance – Algonquin Gas Company (DEP File No. 287-0017) has requested a Certificate of Compliance for its work near the Boston Street Bridge. Anne performed two site inspections this year, and reported that the work is complete and all conditions set by the CC appear to have been met.

DK mentioned that she had recused herself from the Algonquin NOI. LB said that previous research on issue of quorum found that if a member had recused himself, a majority of the remaining members serves as the quorum.

Vote: JR moved to approve a Certificate of Compliance for Algonquin. JM seconded. All approved.

Annual Report & Budget - Deferred to next meeting

Update 319 grant – Anne reported that contracts have been signed, but we haven't received the contract back from state, yet.

IKEA update –Planning is due to vote on final changes submitted IKEA at their next meeting. Rich DiGirolamo has said the CC should consider him the liaison for IKEA, and that IKEA will need to come back to the CC for changes made from suggestions by Planning Department.

North Point Development in Cambridge (and Somerville)- Anne held a meeting of engineers, Andy Boyd of Spaulding & Slye, for North Point, Owen O’Riordan and Catherine Woodbury for Cambridge, Thom Donahue and Charlie O’Brien for Somerville on Oct. 10, 2002, at the Annex. The meeting was to discuss issues regarding drainage related to North Point, in relation to flooding in East Somerville. The meeting specifically addressed issues raised in a comment letter written by John Reinhardt and John Buchheit (CC member and Associate member) to MEPA in response to the North Point ENF. Anne reported that the questions regarding drainage problems and flooding in the area of the North Point Development have been satisfactorily answered.

The CC still would like to see North Point add an “Open Space” area in Somerville, particularly in the area where the Minuteman Bike Path crosses over to the North Point Development from Cambridge. Anne should convey that information to Jeff Levine at Planning.

New Business

Reimbursement for Delia – for postage to mail NOI back from Vermont.

Vote: JR moved to reimburse DK and LB for postage for timely mailing of NOIs, if they can provide receipts. JM seconded. All in favor.

* LB asked that Anne update the MACC list of CC members, since Lisa is no longer getting her copy of the MACC Bulletin.

Quincy Street – Following a suggestion from Steve Post that the CC might want to take responsibility for 14 Quincy Street, the CC agreed that they would like to do that. Anne met with Heather Rowe to relay the CC’s interest, and Heather said the Mayor is willing for the CC to have jurisdiction for the lot. DK agreed to compose a letter to the mayor and Steve Post formally accepting responsibility, and providing a general description of the process that will be followed to decide how to proceed with the lot.

Delia & Elisabeth meet w/Mayor – DK reported on the meeting of herself and Elisabeth Krautscheid, as the new co-chairs of the CC, with the mayor and Steve Post. The discussion included revision of the Open Space plan and funding for Durrell Park and Community Garden. The mayor and Steve Post expressed a desire to work with the Conservation Commission.

Committees

Durrell Funding – Anne reported that OHCD said it will take another 2 months for them to write a contract. We cannot hire work done until that is processed.

Hansen- Report deferred until next meeting.

Need new: Stormwater Management Plan – Anne said she will be asking members of the CC to review drafts of the SMP, and holding meetings with other departments, to which she will invite members of the CC. Three new city by-laws will be required for the SMP.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Phelps, Agent