

**MINUTES** of meeting, December 19, 2014

Board Room, Department of Public Works (DPW), 20 Municipal Way

Present: Diane Campbell, chair; David Wright, vice chair; members Paul Criswell, Heidi Kost-Gross, and Kurt Somerville (at 8:40); project manager Peter Jackson; Town staff Dave Hickey, Meghan Jop, Mike Pakstis and Brandon Schmitt.

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

**Minutes:** Draft minutes of the meeting of November 14, 2014 had been distributed previously. MOVED Heidi, SECONDED Paul to approve the minutes as submitted. PASSED unanimously.

**Construction report:** Peter Jackson said work was nearly completed on the section of raised walkway between the high school and the athletic fields. At the Caroline Street crossing, the bank has been reinforced using flat rocks with live stakes planted between them. He showed a photo of the new bioretention basin at an early stage of construction, and said native shrub landscaping will be planted next spring.

Peter provided copies of a simplified master schedule for the project, printed in comparatively large type on a 17" x 11" sheet. He reported that he followed up with John and Toby Sullivan, residents of Dexter Street who visited the FBPC meeting on November 14, promising to protect a bench near them and to meet with them when work got closer to their location.

**Pond dredging and athletic fields:** Dave Hickey said he attended a meeting of the Playing Fields Task Force (PFTF) on December 12, in which athletic and park officials expressed concern that staging the dredging of State Street Pond from the adjacent field would make the field unavailable for lacrosse in the spring. Peter added that the contractor also wished to use the field as little as possible, to avoid damage to its irrigation system. Mike Pakstis said the job would involve only minor dismantling of that system, temporarily removing some sprinkler heads.

Peter proposed a plan to use less land area by rerouting the brook through a pipe, dewatering the pond, and pushing the silt to the eastern one-third of the pond bed to allow it to dewater behind a coffer dam before removal, meanwhile bringing the rest of the pond back on line. The lacrosse field might also be relocated somewhat to the north. Dave cautioned that moving the work site could raise permitting issues.

Diane and Dave plan to meet with the PFTF next Monday, December 22. Diane said she asked the School Committee for more information on when the schools use the Hunnewell Fields, and the committee's chair supplied a detailed playing field schedule recently prepared for the North 40 Steering Committee.

**319 grant:** Dave reported that the scope of work covered by this grant has been approved; coverage will include bioretention areas and other special features for water quality, but not regular operating funds or MS-4 stormwater work. A federal EPA funding freeze is presently holding up reimbursements, but Dave hopes that funds will be released in time to pay in March for work done in January and February. He is in regular touch with the state administrator of the fund to work out these details.

**Outreach and communications:** David Wright distributed a draft letter to the Wellesley Townsman to remind the public of the project and report on progress, and suggested submitting it to the newspaper after holiday distractions are past. It was agreed to delete a paragraph on the 319 grant because the outcome of that is not fully known yet.

Kurt Somerville asked what plans have been made for advance consultations with neighborhoods as the project moves west. Mike answered that interested groups along the site--such as Dana Hall and Tenacre schools, and residents near the planned wet meadow--have been identified and will be consulted as work nears them.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting of FBPC was scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. in the DPW Board Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Wright, Vice Chair