



**Minutes of  
Danvers Conservation Commission  
Thursday, March 26, 2015  
Danvers Town Hall**

**The Danvers Conservation Commission held a public meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2015, at the Danvers Town Hall, Daniel J. Toomey Hearing Room, located at One Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA 01923.**

**Members present:** Michael Splaine, Vice Chairman  
Bill Glynn, Member  
Matthew Lallier, Member

**Members absent:** Jeffrey Cary, Chairman  
Neal Waldman, Member

**Staff present:** Kristan Farr, Planner  
Christine Marshall, Secretary

Mr. Splaine opened the Conservation Commission meeting at 7:02 p.m. with a reading of the "Commission Statement."

**Public Hearing – Notice of Intent**

- **60 Cabot Road; DEP File No. 14-125\_\_**

Rick Rodgers, the Town Engineer, introduced Kerri Brennan, the Town Program Engineer, who will be managing the project; Michael Moonan, Project Manager for Weston and Sampson; Roger Alcott, Team Leader for Weston and Sampson; and Anthony Zerilli, Environmental Scientist for Weston and Sampson. Mr. Moonan presented the athletic fields project at Danvers High School on Cabot Road. Mr. Moonan reviewed the maps and pointed out the existing fields, resource area on the east side, Frost Fish Brook, the existing water flows, and buffer zones. Mr. Moonan explained that the proposed improvement plan will be using the existing area without disturbing the buffer zone or more land. Mr. Moonan described the main elements of improvement as:

- New stadium with synthetic turf, track, bleachers, and press box will be relocated;
- New practice freshmen baseball field, multi-use fields, and open grass area for practice;
- Concession/restroom building;
- Renovate existing tennis courts;
- Keeping small playground area;
- Lighting for stadium and practice field.

Mr. Glynn asked about the drainage plan, and Mr. Moonan discussed the synthetic turf, which will have 14 inches of stone underneath for storm water storage; perimeter pipe around entire field; 18 inch perimeter drain; and the three existing outlets which will be used. Mr. Alcott discussed the storm water



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report and the three locations for water discharge. The proposed plan will be an improvement for storm water discharge, as addressed in Appendix B of the storm water report.

Krystyna Hincman, of 8 Princeton Street, lives directly across the stream from one of the culverts; and currently it erodes the opposite side of the stream. Ms. Hincman would only be concerned if the flow would increase. Mr. Glynn asked if there would be rip rap put in that area to slow down the flow, and Mr. Alcott stated that it is out of the project limits, and there is a swale that will control the flow off of those fields and decrease the flow through that pipe.

Mr. Lallier asked about the location of the shot put and discus area, and Mr. Moonan explained the need to consolidate the throwing area because of coaches and other sports practicing around them. The fields were designed for optimal use for several sports practicing at the same time.

Mr. Glynn asked questions regarding the location of the bleachers and press box area. The bleachers will be facing west for a better view and the noise from the press box will project towards the school instead of the neighborhood. Mr. Lallier asked about the impervious area near the 35 foot buffer zone, which has been moved by about 10 feet on the new plans. This impervious area is for patrons and handicapped accessibility. Mr. Moonan answered Mr. Splaine's question regarding emergency vehicles and pointed out the maintenance road which is paved.

Ms. Hincman asked about the existing tennis court area which is very wet. Mr. Moonan described the infiltration trench in that area.

Mr. Moonan described the project and construction, which will begin when school is out in June. The project will take about one year. Weston Sampson will have someone on site managing the project. Mr. Moonan described the temporary construction fence plan and erosion control.

Mr. Glynn asked about the grade changes and the extent of earth moving. Mr. Moonan described the grades as about the same as existing, area for stockpiling, and movable erosion controls. The stockpile area is outside of the 100 foot buffer zone.

Mr. Rodgers commented on the project:

- No major grade changes
- Water recharge and retention under the turf field
- Use that water to irrigate the fields – augmenting the existing well
- No major site work



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Mr. Lallier asked about the shot put and discus area being moved away from the riverfront. He is concerned about foot traffic along the riverfront. Mr. Rodgers will take a look at it. It is outside of the buffer zone. Ms. Hincman spoke about the same area being closest to the neighborhood, and her concern with regards to light and sound. Ms. Hincman suggested shrubs in that area to reduce sound and stop people from crossing the brook.

Mr. Glynn asked about trees around the perimeter. Same tree line will exist. No trees will be cut. Mr. Glynn likes the idea of adding hedges along the river for protection.

Mr. Lallier made a motion to continue the public hearing of the Town of Danvers Athletic Field Improvement project to April 23, 2015 with a site visit on March 28, 2015 at 9:30 AM; Mr. Glynn seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes** – Mr. Glynn made a motion to approve the minutes of March 12, 2015; Mr. Lallier seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

**New Business** – Mr. Glynn and Mr. Splaine are both unable to attend the April 9, 2015 meeting.

Mr. Lallier made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM; Mr. Glynn seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Marshall  
Conservation Commission Secretary