



White Pond Advisory Committee  
Remote Meeting  
1/5/22

Meeting called to order at 7:10

In attendance: Committee members Beth Kelly, Josh Galper, Jim Ricker, Cheryl Baggen  
Community and Town:

Kate Hodges

Brandon Kunkel, Weston & Sampson

Terri Ackerman

Adam Lapointe

Brandon Roberts

Carmen Jacquier

Delia Kaye

Ryan Orr

Carol Parker

Catherine

Christen Kelley

David Bearg

Di Collins)

Gina Gargano

Hiro

Howard Loewinger & Alice Rosen

Jean Goldsberry

Jerry Frenkil

Katy Blair

David Bearg

Lara Wilson

Louisa Paushter

Marya Piasecki

Marybeth Barker

Pam Reed

Peggy Yalman

Ronni Olitsky

Steve Ferrey

Suzanne Langridge

Susan Bates

Tom Bates

Wendy Slattebo

Brandon Roberts

Dale Zippin

Chris Carmody

Josh outlined the parameters of the meeting, - intended to allow Town management to answer questions posed by residents concerning the beach development. He stated that he was, as

Co-chair of WPAC, was acting as a moderator and the goal of the meeting was to open communication between the Town and residents.

Josh noted that since WPAC's vote recommending that construction be discontinued until the Town addressed water quality of White Pond, was resolved given that the Town has agreed to fund APOD to remove cyanobacteria and fund regular testing the water.

Kate Hodges, who was provided the general questions ahead of the meeting, stated that she will provide notes on each of her responses on the Town website.

**Questions:**

#1) Explain the discrepancy between the number of trees originally proposed to be removed and the fact that 27 tree (according to observers) have already been cut down as part of construction -

Kate: It was anticipated that 14 trees would be removed, but due to on site work related to the storm water system being built, as well as recommendations by an onsite arborist hired by the construction company, the number increased to 21.

#2) What more trees have to be removed?

Kate and Brandon Kunkel of Weston & Sampson - that depends on the work as it goes forward. Decisions will be made based on the arborist's recommendations. Zigzag path will be constructed in segments - subject to modest changes to preserve trees and accommodate existing conditions.

Trees will be protected as required by Town rules (LZ501) Fences were installed beginning on 12/13 to protect certain trees.

**Schedule for work**

Storm water system has been installed and is undergoing inspection at this point. The system is located under the ADA parking and road. Additional catch basins are, or will be, located under beach sand. Final system will result in an increase of 160% over the previous existing conditions. Zigzag path will also direct water toward catch basins.

Some existing steps may be kept to save trees. No schedule yet for destruction of steps and installation of paths Project extend to completed by the end May. The zigzag path requires warm weather and will be the last thing done.

**Zigway Path -**

Who decides and how does it meet compliance codes?

Zigway was intended at all times by the Town as the Massachusetts Office on Disability and Architectural Access Board required the pathway

Driveway and pathway will be impervious.

Catherine - 26 hemlock St Asked whether other alternatives were considered, suggesting that the pathway was not necessary if additional ADA parking was added closer to the beach.

Kate stated that the Mass. Office on Disability and Architectural Access Board indicated zigzag was required.

Louisa Paushter 139 Jennie Dugan Road - Human Rights Council is in favor of the Town's plan.

Lara Wilson - 67 White Ave. What will be done to assure water quality given the number of people accessing the beach and Pond from other areas. 110 - 130 people at a time. Josh stated that this issue will be addressed at the next WPAC meeting.

Jean Goldsberry 1832 Main St - Concord Commission on Disabilities - supportive of the project.

Marya Piasecki - 28 Shore Drive - Architectural Access Board William Joyce the executive Director - explained to her that if there were 3 spaces located at the beach then the Town could apply for a variance.

Kate - Town Team did not want to apply for a variance.

Jim Ricker - 68 Shore Drive Budget - question regarding the budget for the work.

Kate - Budget presented to CPC included all costs - the original budget did not include all costs.

Suzanne Langridge 77 Bolton St Discussed benefits of keeping trees, noted that bituminous concrete is not permeable and asked whether required protection will be in place as pathway is built

Answer: Arborist must be on site when the pathway is being built and is responsible for making sure tree protection is in place as required. Much of the path will require handwork to save trees. Suzanne would like a tally of the number of trees being removed.

Kate noted that along the route of the path there are depressions and swales that will direct water into the hillside to limit the maximum amount of water reaching the beach.

Marybeth Barker 49 Seymour street - spoke in favor of the current plan.

Beth Kelly 39 White Ave - Is there any containment or preventive measures for equipment now on site to prevent leakage into the pond. Kate - Yes - straw wattle will capture runoff and other leakage. If a spill, work will stop until impact is evaluated. No service of vehicles on site.

Kate - Gravel pathways were not considered an option as they degrade over time and some point are no longer ADA compliant. Matt stated that stone dust would require cutting into the soil and would cause more tree damage.

Steve Ferrey - 35 Seymour St asked about bathing load. Answer- bathing load is based on water frontage and the number of lifeguards.

Meeting adjourned 8:46