

**Conservation Commission Special Meeting  
Joint meeting with Board of Parks and Recreation  
On Cos Cob Power Plant Cleanup and Redevelopment  
February 6, 2008 at 7 p.m.**

**Minutes**

Attendance:

Conservation Commission members: Bill Rutherford, Sue Baker, Alex Brash, Gary Silberberg, Lisette Henrey, Eric Brower, Renee Seblatnigg, and Suzanne Graham.

Board of Parks and Recreation: Ric Wellington, Nancy Caplan, John Craine, Will Dunster, and Rick Capozza.

Staff: Joseph Siciliano, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Denise Savageau, Conservation Director. Consultant: Michael Dougherty – Metcalf and Eddy

Meeting began at 7:10. Savageau and Siciliano opened the meeting indicating that the clean up and redevelopment of the Cos Cob Power Plant site is moving along and will be going to MI, hopefully in early spring. The joint meeting of the boards was to have the consultant present where we are now with the planning and to get both boards to work towards consensus on a final park design. DPW is the lead department on the project with P&R and Conservation also on the team.

Michael Doherty presented the cleanup and design concept to date. This included review of how the remediation will be handled on site and also the proposed redevelopment. Siciliano and Wellington review Parks and Rec involvement including the directive given to the Board by First Selectman Jim Lash.

Discussion ensued about the redevelopment design specifically relating to changes from the concept plan presented to the Board of Selectmen by the Cos Cob Power Plant Planning Committee. P&R shared its perspective on the need for more ball fields in Town. Conservation shared its perspective on the site, its location on Long Island Sound and the use of the area for passive recreation that was supported by survey work conducted by the CCPPPC.

The meeting adjourned with both boards agreeing to review the plans further.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

Denise Savageau