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Meeting Minutes

- What: Site visit of the Boylston Conservation Commission
- Where: The 200 Shrewsbury St. Boylston location of the proposed riverfront redevelopment project at the former Iccarino building
- Who:
 - For the Commission – Mark Coakley, Jeff Walsh and Dan Duffy
 - Consultant to the Commission – Paul McManus of EcoTec
 - For the Applicant – Rene' McDonnough and Scott Goddard
- When: Tuesday, 8-25-2015
- The group did a site visit to view the areas in contention to get a feel for the site conditions as they apply to the various categories proposed by the Applicant as:
 - Previously developed and disturbed
 - Undeveloped
 - Previously developed but of questionable value
- We visited all of the areas that Scott Goddard characterized as the various categories of developed on the provided plan.
- We also toured the area at the western edge of the proposed development, south of the picnic area where the stream is currently contained by a culvert. Scott Goddard offered up as the idea of mitigation or improvement of the conditions around the stream were possible here. Jeff Walsh questioned the value of the extra pavement associated with that particular area.
- We discussed the existing handling of the roof run off. At present it's apparent that there is direct plumbing of downspouts into the vegetative area adjacent to the river resource if not the resource itself. It was pointed out to Scott Goddard that there was no detail on the plan showing the finished condition of the downspouts and the abandoning of the outfall pipes.
- There was a discussion on the use of the land and if the proposed usage was a potentially higher pollutant load than the existing parking only use. The Applicant mentioned fleet and equipment maintenance on the property as well as the storage of landscaping materials. There was a question about snow melting materials being used, loaded or salting equipment maintained on the facility.
- Mark Coakley questioned Paul McManus on whether he observed any direct flow of untreated storm water into the resource areas, we walked around the site and noticed a few areas where there was evidence of ponding on the pavement because of sheet flow

from the paved areas backing up prior to exiting the parking area through the vegetation separating the parking from the riverfront resource area. There was no obvious area where the sheet flow was going directly into the river without passing over some kind of vegetative strip. There were no obvious signs of erosion.

- On the Western end of the proposed project, we visited the areas where Scott Goddard pointed out the areas of dumped earth and blast rock along with some sections of broken up asphalt curbing. The area was heavily vegetated and had significant leaf cover with both mature trees, invasive vegetation. Additionally the edge of the parking area on the northern side that is questionable whether there is topsoil showed evidence that it's regularly mowed and maintained as part of the property maintenance.