



CITY OF MELROSE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Melrose Conservation Commission Minutes for March 15, 2018- No Quorum present, no votes taken

Present: Richard Doucette, Kate Hickey, Aaron Weieneth

Absent: Michael Paiewonsky, Susan Murphy and Zachary Drench

Discussion – 7:45pm:

National Grid 2304 Line project- Theresa Portante of BSC group was present, representing National Grid (MECO). No DEP file number has been issued yet, and a meeting quorum was not established. The project will be presented again at the April 5, 2018 meeting.

Ms. Portante- Reconductoring of the 2304 line right of way requires new standards to be met. A heavier wire and higher utility poles. New Pole #1 (midspan pole to transition from the substation on Howard street, re-location of pole #2 to a new location within the BVW and mid span pole # 2 ½. Existing poles in BVW #2 and #3 are to be removed. Project is being filed as a limited project, 1 new pole within land subject to flooding (midspan pole #1). All poles along the distribution line will be replaced with the higher poles (45'). Project is proposed to begin in July of 2018, no end date set currently. No re-grading is expected and seeding is not anticipated to be necessary. Swamp maps to be used to limit damage to vegetation during work. Time required to replace a pole is estimated to take a few days.

Project is stated to be exempt from storm water standards, Ms. Portante will follow up with specific utility example.

No invasive control proposed as part of this project, Staff mentioned the significant patch of knotweed near the access path that should be addressed due to the frequent disturbance.

Members from the public present: Mike Gent, 8 Windsor St and Dante Crescenzi, 54 Windsor St.

Dante Crescenzi was in favor of electric company raising the power lines. The topography of the ROW changes near his house (comes to a hill). His uncle Joe Dantona was killed by a sagging or drooping power line behind 66 Windsor St in 1994. At the time the wires were in compliance with minimum standards. Mr. Crescenzi says the lines consistently droop in the area behind his house.

Mike Gent- Curious about tree and vegetation trimming for the project. Showed a photo of the lights from the substation (on Howard St) visible from his home, says it was on

consistently for weeks. He has spoken extensively with Mike Lindstrom in the Mayor's office about this.

Staff shared a copy of the proposed cost for additional phosphate testing at Towners pond from Solitude lake management- \$1100.

Trail maps updates- Ms. Hickey, will demonstrate a potential mapping app that would be acceptable for our purposes and to address any inaccuracies in the map at the next meeting. Staff will add this as an agenda item.

The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, April 05, 2018 at 7:30 PM.

Adjourn

8:30 PM adjourn

Approved

Date.

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