



CITY OF MELROSE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

City Hall, 562 Main Street
Melrose, Massachusetts 02176
Telephone - (781) 979-4312
Fax - (781) 979-4290

Melrose Conservation Commission Minutes for December 19, 2019

Present: Richard Doucette*, Ryan Sloan, Susan Murphy, Kate Hickey, Aaron Weieneth and Paul Moore

Absent: Mike Paiewonsky

Staff present: Eric Devlin

Mr. Doucette opened the public meeting at 7:30pm.

Minutes-

Motion by Mr. Doucette to approve the minutes from November 14, 2019, as amended. Ms. Murphy seconded the motion and it was voted 6-0 in favor.

Invoices- Staff received an invoice from Solitude Lake Management, Task 5 (Post Treatment Survey, collect water samples for total phosphorus and year end report). \$850.00.

Discussion

Order of Conditions - 77-79 Messenger Court- Public hearing was closed at last meeting. The Commission reviewed the requirements from the last meeting (updated plan, flood calculations document and compensatory flood storage area designation on new plan). Staff presented a draft copy of the special conditions for consideration by the Commission. A revision was made to the Licensed Site Professional special condition. A modified Order of Conditions can be sought by the applicant, if necessary, on major issues with the language. The term applicant used in the Order of Conditions refers to the owner, contractors and future owners of the property subject to the Order of Conditions.

Motion by Mr. Doucette to issue an Order of Conditions, as amended. Mr. Sloan seconded the motion and it was voted 4-0 in favor. (Ms. Murphy and Mr. Moore were not part of the quorum for this item)

*Mr. Doucette had to leave at this point. Ms. Murphy took over as chair for the remainder of the meeting.

0 Swains pond Ave/ Hillside park – Sean Szekely was present to discuss a potential modification to a 9 lot subdivision plan. The site (formerly known as the Collucci estates)

has recently been the subject of a 40B project application. Positive aspect discussed about potential changes were moving the development farther away from wetland areas and relocated stream crossing area. Former plan had a waterfall like area due to topographic configuration of the roadway. The new proposed roadway for Hillside park would be longer under this plan which would allow better matching to grade at the first driveway. Fred Cefalo, an abutter to the project is doing neighborhood outreach. Roadway center line has been marked/staked recently. Site visit scheduled for Sunday Jan 5 at 2:30pm. Mr. Szekely has indicated that he is submitting a filing for the upcoming Planning Board Meeting on January 27.

Commission meeting schedule 2020- The draft schedule looks ok, similar to previous year. Original April 16 meeting date (third Thursday) will be used instead of alternate first Thursday.

January 16, 2020

February 06, 2020(*First Thursday option used)

March 19, 2020

April 16, 2020

May 21, 2020

June 18, 2020

July 16, 2020

August 20, 2020

September 17, 2020

October 15, 2020

November 19, 2020

December 17, 2020

Patriot Way subdivision (formerly 105 penney rd) - Paul Zannotti, developer for the project was present. He indicated that he has called a few contractors to see if they can clean out the catch basins. He intends to have Warren Pierce do the clean out of the drainage system/ detention pond, if necessary. Mr. Zannotti wants the Home Owners Association to have the paperwork ready for transfer of ownership once the detention pond work is done. Discussion on vacor truck vs clamshell truck for catch basin clean out. Mr. Zannotti will call the Commission office once the catch basins have been cleaned out.

Trail Steward reports- Staff will share a link to the Steward reports summary sheet with

the steward group. This will help coordinate steward activities and allow better communication between the Commission and the stewards.

The Commission is considering the feasibility of establishing a formal budget item for a trail steward appreciation gift. Ideas on possible gift items suggested and budget sources, lakes and ponds grant a possible fund source. Discussion on the necessity/possibility of a logo for the Commission to be designed and used on items in future.

Old Business-

Unfilled Associate Members positions- The Commission still has two open positions for associate members. Staff will contact the Mayor's office for an update on the process.

The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 7:30 PM.

Motion by Mr. Weieneth to adjourn. Ms. Hickey seconded the motion and it was voted 5-0 in favor.

Adjourn

9:00PM adjourn

Approved

Date.

Pursuant to the 'Open Meeting Law, ' G.L. 39, 23B, the approval of these minutes by the Commission constitutes a certification of the date, time and place of the meeting, the members present and absent, and the actions taken at the meeting. Any other description of statements made by any person, or the summary of the discussion of any matter, is included for the purpose of context only, and no certification, express or implied, is made by the Commission as to the completeness or accuracy of such statements.
