



CITY OF MELROSE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Melrose Conservation Commission Minutes for January 16, 2020

Present: Ryan Sloan, Susan Murphy, Kate Hickey and Mike Paiewonsky

Absent: Richard Doucette, Paul Moore and Aaron Weieneth

Staff present: Eric Devlin

Ms. Murphy opened the public meeting at 7:30pm.

Minutes-

Motion by Ms. Murphy to approve the minutes from December 19, 2019, as amended. Mr. Sloan seconded the motion and it was voted 4-0 in favor.

Public Hearing:

Request for Determination 31 Cranmore Lane - Chayil Timmerman, applicant and Andy Mavrelis, contractor for project were present. Mr. Timmerman explained that they recently got a dog and would like to enclose their yard for safety. Fence location has been revised to reflect 15' no disturb setback from the wetland line. Mr. Timmerman had a wetland consultant come out to the site and identify the wetland bounds. Questions from the commission regarding the chicken coop and shed construction were asked. The proposed chicken coop would have an open bottom to ground, shed on concrete blocks without footings.

Future proposed addition on house is outside buffer zone and the owner expressed a preference for fewer footings. The proposed fence is 6' high on the sides with a 4" gap under it in the rear near wetland boundary and a shorter lattice type fence for the rear portion. A combination of hand digging and small machinery would be likely for post hole excavation. The commission stipulated that all excavated soil from fence posts shall be removed from the buffer zone or could be used within the planting beds that are currently in the buffer zone.

Motion by Ms. Murphy to issue a Negative 3 Determination of Applicability with condition that excavated soil shall be removed from the buffer zone or used in planting beds. Ms. Hickey seconded the motion and it was voted 4-0 in favor.

Discussion:

Trail Steward item and logo- Logo and Steward appreciation item to be discussed by

Open Space Subcommittee. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday Jan 22 at 6pm. Subcommittee will report back at next Commission meeting (Feb 6).

New/Old Business-

Public Service Committee-New Ward 7 City Council member Cory Thomas came to the meeting to discuss some conservation related issues relevant to the City's Public Service Committee.

West Knoll Feasibility study- The City has recently sent it out and the process has started. Anticipated to occur within the next 6 months. Commission chair is looking for volunteers to help review.

The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 7:30 PM.

Motion by Ms. Murphy to adjourn. Ms. Hickey seconded the motion and it was voted 4-0 in favor.

Adjourn

8:30PM adjourn

Approved

Date.

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