



CITY OF MELROSE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Melrose Conservation Commission Minutes for June 18, 2020

Present: Susan Murphy, Aaron Weieneth, Richard Doucette, Paul Moore Ryan Sloan and Mike Paiewonsky

Absent: Kate Hickey

Staff present: Eric Devlin

Ms. Murphy opened the Remote public meeting at 7:30pm and read the Remote meeting statement below.

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Melrose Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the City of Melrose's website, at www.cityofmelrose.org. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, or in the event that we are unable to do so, we will post on the mmtv3.org website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

All Votes will be recorded via roll call votes. Extension to permitting deadlines applicable to Commission proceedings pursuant to Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020. Deadlines extended out 45 days after conclusion of the State of Emergency.

Minutes-

**Motion by Mr. Weieneth to approve the minutes from May 21, 2020, as amended.
Ms. Murphy seconded the motion.**

Roll Call vote: Richard Doucette – yes, Paul Moore – yes, Susan Murphy – yes, Michael Paiewonsky – yes, J. Ryan Sloan – yes, Aaron Weieneth – yes
6-0 in favor.

Discussion:

Order of Conditions 217-0208 Notice of Intent 0 Swains Pond Ave/Hillside Park -
Richard Williams (Engineer) and Sean Szekely (Applicant) present.

Ms. Murphy explained that the Order of Conditions was voted to be issued at the previous hearing. Discussion tonight was to confirm that the special conditions to be issued matches the discussion from the previous hearing. Staff circulated around a draft of the special conditions to the commission members for review.

Ms. Murphy-2 edits to be made under the construction sequence section of the special conditions, revised items below:

Test pits in each of the stormwater infiltration areas shall be excavated to ensure the 2 foot ground water separation prior to construction of those areas and a copy of the results shall be provided to the Commission.

Test pits shall be excavated in the area of the roof drains prior to the application for a building permit and a copy of the results shall be provided to the Commission.

Mr. Williams-Planning board decision also has similar condition on test pit results. Engineering and Planning will also be getting copies of test pit results. Expect some sort of acknowledgment and agreement from Planning that test pit results meet standard.

Staff will follow up with Planning when they receive the test pit results for review. No formal Commission vote necessary, staff will be responsible for review.

Ms. Murphy suggested an edit for the erosion and sediment controls section. Discussion on whether something specific for stream crossing work and bad weather preparation. Staff had previously included a line for storm prep, *An adequate stockpile of additional erosion/sedimentation control materials shall be on site for emergency installation prior to storms.* -consensus that this is sufficient, no edit necessary.

Mr. Williams-Procedure for bad weather during stream crossing work. Extra erosion control materials will be on site. They will set up erosion controls assuming there will be a storm and prepare for it. Plan to pick a period of good weather, no storms predicted.

Ms. Murphy- Condition on elevation of ledge on the downstream side of the culvert replacement for the impermeable barrier.

Mr. Williams-ledge elevation not determined yet in that area, test hole needs to be done early on in the project. Condition of the Planning board decision. It is a test pit to determine if an impermeable barrier is required/needed at the culvert replacement.

Additional condition suggested – *Copies of all correspondence with the Melrose Department of Public Works regarding the impermeable barrier adjacent to the roadway shall be submitted to the Commission.*

Ms. Murphy- Order was already voted on at previous meeting, tonight was just to confirm that Special Conditions were in agreement with the vote from the previous hearing.

No further comments from Commissioners, Staff will need to coordinate with one of the quorum members for physical signature that was not present for electronic signature authorization.

Trail signs/printing budget – Staff updated Commission members on remaining budget for printing items this fiscal year. Suggested trail markers/signs would be possible. Ms. Murphy will follow up with the Ped/Bike Committee for sign coordination, identify areas that need additional markers/updates.

55 Summit ave tree watering- Staff suggested an email schedule for the summer/fall to coordinate weekly watering. Staff watered the trees the day before the meeting and spoke with property owner. House has not been sold yet, not sure if house is on the market currently. Ms. Murphy agreed to water the trees next week and will assign a week to the next person.

New/Old Business-

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

Motion by Ms. Murphy to adjourn. Mr. Weieneth seconded the motion and it was voted 6-0 in favor.

Adjourn

8:00PM 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.
