



CITY OF MELROSE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Melrose Conservation Commission Minutes for November 19, 2020

Present: Richard Doucette, Kate Hickey, Aaron Weieneth, Paul Moore, Mike Paiewonsky and *Ryan Sloan and *(arrived at point indicated)

Absent: Susan Murphy

Staff present: Eric Devlin

Mr. Doucette 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. Doucette to approve the minutes from October 15, 2020, as amended. Mr. Paiewonsky seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote: Richard Doucette – yes, Kate Hickey – yes, Paul Moore – yes, Michael Paiewonsky – yes, Aaron Weieneth – yes
5-0 in favor.

Invoices-

FY2021 Massachusetts Society of Municipal Conservation Professionals (MSMCP)
membership dues - \$20

Motion by Mr. Doucette to approve payment of the invoice. Ms. Hickey seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote: Richard Doucette – yes, Kate Hickey – yes, Paul Moore – yes, Michael Paiewonsky – yes, Aaron Weieneth – yes
5-0 in favor.

*Mr. Sloan joined the meeting at this point.

Certificate of Compliance (217-0169)- 67 Greenwood St - May Cadigan, applicant, explained that an oil tank developed a leak and was removed in 2009. Multiple different agencies were in her yard for the cleanup and removal of the tank, soil cleanup report submitted to Commission with details of materials detected and removed from the site. A lot of lead was detected in the soil during the cleanup, Ms. Cadigan suspects it likely leached from the large quantity of old glass bottles that were discovered in the soil on the property when she would garden. She was notified in 2012 that the Order of Conditions had not been closed out and to request a Certificate of Compliance and is now selling the house and needs to close it out.

Motion by Mr. Doucette to issue a Certificate of Compliance, Seconded by Mr. Weieneth.

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

Discussion:

17 Burnett Street tree – Letter received by the Commission requesting emergency removal of a large Cottonwood in the adjacent wetland resource area. A planting plan for replacement of the tree would be required to approve the tree removal. Mr. Doucette looked up Cottonwood wetland status, facilitative wetland status, similar to Red Maple

New/Old Business-

High School student looking for projects on conservation land. Invite to a future winter conservation meeting.

Ell Pond Feasibility meeting feedback to be collected for 3 weeks
Staff will get answers for who is the final decision maker and the party that paid for the study.

The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 7:30 PM.

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

Adjourn

8:05PM 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.