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Melrose Conservation Commission Minutes for May 20, 2021

Present: Richard Doucette, Eugenia Gibbons, Paul Moore, Michael Paiewonsky and Jason Jancaitis*(arrived at point indicated)

Absent: Kate Hickey and Ryan Sloan

Staff present: Eric Devlin

Mr. Doucette opened the Remote public meeting at 7:45pm 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.

Minutes-

Motion to approve the April 15, 2021 and April 24, 2021 minutes, as written. Second by Mr. Paiewonsky.

Roll Call vote: Richard Doucette – yes, Eugenia Gibbons- yes, Jason Jancaitis- abstain, Paul Moore- yes, Michael Paiewonsky- yes
4-0 in favor.

*Mr. Jancaitis returned at this point.

Public Hearing:

Request for Determination of Applicability – 735 Broadway

Dean Gustafson, wetland scientist of allpoints technology, John Pugh of Pugh Management (applicant), Doug Landry and Jordan Loffredo of Langan Engineering were

present. Mr. Pugh described the company and the Town Line Inn redevelopment project, 94,000 square foot distribution center project. Mr. Gustafson described the wetland resource areas on the property. Bank resource area in the South Eastern portion of the property Stream determined as intermittent based on streamstats watershed analysis. Project is proposed within the 100 foot buffer zone. Landscape islands in pavement and vacant restaurant building within 100 foot buffer zone. One existing drainage line to be abandoned in place, BMP system designed to improve water quality. Negative 2 determination requested by the applicant. Notice of Intent filed with the Malden Conservation Commission.

Mr. Paiewosny – Describe the BMPs and proposed locations.

Ms. Loffredo – Rain gardens to be installed and water quality units. Rain gardens on the left and right sides of the plan (hatched areas). Drywell on site for some of the roof stormwater. Malden Conservation Commission meeting is Tuesday, June 1 for the Notice of Intent. Erosion control measures to be implemented at the three outfalls on the site. Mitigation for the activities on the site. Trees on the southern bank. Silt sacks on all inlets proposed.

Mr. Moore- Dust controls at the Entrance/Exit proposed?

Ms. Loffredo- yes, some sort of dust control measure will be implemented.

Ryan Roseen, clerk for Malden Conservation was present- NOI meeting is Tuesday June 1.

Mr. Doucette- Malden has NOI filed for this project, Erosion control condition could be added.

Mr. Moore- Erosion control and Operation and Management plan are reasonable conditions.

Motion by Mr. Doucette to issue a negative 3 determination with erosion controls and Operation and Management plan. Second by Mr. Paiewosny.

Roll Call vote: Richard Doucette – yes, Eugenia Gibbons- yes, Jason Jancaitis- yes, Paul Moore- yes and Michael Paiewosny- yes
5-0 in favor.

Notice of Intent – 17 Burnett Street (continued)

Brian Timm of RJ Oconnell Associates, Richard Kirby of LEC environmental and Cathy Gilberto, Homeowner were present.

Mr. Kirby described previous site visit, input from DPW still pending.

Mr. Timm- PIV valve to be installed, usually used for fire suppression systems. This one is to be used for flood control. Conversation with City Engineer, Vonnice. Discharging essentially a raingarden out to wetlands downstream. Mr. Timm shared a photo of an example PIV valve.

Mr. Moore- PIV valve designed for clean water use typically. Will this be an issue with debris build up in the valve?

Mr. Timm- Valve has a built in wrench/handle. Valve is accessible for cleaning.

Mr. Doucette- DPW input necessary, would like written statement from DPW approving connection to system.

DEP file number has been issued, no comments.

Applicant agrees to continue to June 17th Meeting.

Motion by Mr. Doucette to continue the hearing to the June 17th meeting. Second by Ms. Gibbons.

Roll Call vote: Richard Doucette – yes, Eugenia Gibbons- yes, Jason Jancaitis- yes, Paul Moore- yes and Michael Paiewonsky- yes
5-0 in favor.

Beaver dam in pipe under grove street and burnett street. Discussion on beaver dam removal issue followed. Staff will check with the Board of Health.

Discussion:

16 Maple Terrace (217-0209) Request for Certificate of Compliance-

Jay Bradley, applicant was present. A letter from the applicant's engineer was received along with as-built plans. Updated letter submitted with correction regarding trench drain. A granite curb was added to direct water. Photos from site visit reviewed, water appears to be missing the catch basin at the top of the driveway. 4" corrugated pipe

Motion by Mr. Jancaitis to issue a Certificate of Compliance with additional condition in perpetuity that the property owner shall maintain the drainage system to prevent runoff onto maple terrace, Second by Mr. Doucette.

Roll Call vote: Richard Doucette – yes, Eugenia Gibbons- yes, Jason Jancaitis- yes, Paul Moore- yes and Michael Paiewonsky- yes
5-0 in favor.

Trail steward reports-

Trail steward reports from April regarding some tree branch removal from the trail behind the Hoover school. Staff will check with the trail steward that reported it and confirm that the debris was cleared.

Rocky view trail connection- Mr. Moore will check the area and take some notes on level of work necessary for the possible trail restoration that staff had suggested. Staff will look for some additional volunteers that could help with clearing for the trail repair.

Trail Marker printing-

Staff received quotes from two printers to produce additional trail markers that matched our existing markers. Goal was to get an additional color and refill the existing supply of markers for use on the trail network. Quotes were significantly higher than the existing budget.

Conservation land signs suggested as an alternative for printing funds. Staff estimated that we still had 2 or 3 left and cited 2 locations that they could be installed. Printing funds could be used to make a few more of these signs. Staff will check past order and see how many can be ordered within the existing budget.

Motion by Mr. Doucette to spend up to \$250 on trail signs printing, Second by Mr. Moore.

Roll Call vote: Richard Doucette – yes, Eugenia Gibbons- yes, Jason Jancaitis- yes, Paul Moore- yes and Michael Paiewonsky- yes
5-0 in favor.

Park Commission meeting update-

Mr. Moore attended recent (May 10th) Park Commission meeting. They are concerned with Conservation Commission role in the Ell Pond park project. Part of the issue appears to be the project scope has expanded beyond the fields. They are close to getting a contractor to explore test pits. Free cash for test pits on the appropriations agenda. Other members should feel free to attend next Park Commission meeting to offer input directly. Staff will include next meeting dates in the minutes.

Finn McSweeney- Parks has been trying to turf the west knoll field for years. Mayor's office recently expanded the project into a larger project.

Staff- According to the city calendar, the next few Park Commission meeting dates are:

June 15, 2021 7:00 PM

July 12, 2021 7:00 PM

August 9, 2021 7:00 PM

New/Old Business

Charlie Dilman is the Eagle Scout candidate with Hillside park trail project and Flagg Acres kiosk repairs. One of the trail stewards had offered to help coordinate with items for the Kiosk materials.

The conservation budget appropriation meeting is on June 3 via Webex at 6:30pm. Other members encouraged to attend to see how the process goes since only the former chair used to do it.

Short discussion followed whether the appropriations/budget hearing was the appropriate place to inquire about expanding staffing budget for additional hours. Staff will forward current budget info to the Commission members for review.

Water Chestnut- Finn McSweeney discussed the mechanical harvester/hydrorake timing. Staff will notify the commission when a response from the pond company is received regarding the

An extra meeting will be held Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

Motion by Mr. Doucette to adjourn. Mr. Jancaitis seconded the motion and it was voted 5-0 in favor.

Adjourn

9:40PM 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.