



CITY OF MELROSE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Melrose Conservation Commission Minutes for June 24, 2021

Present: Richard Doucette, Ryan Sloan, Kate Hickey, Eugenia Gibbons and Michael Paiewonsky

Absent: Paul Moore and Jason Jancaitis

Staff present: Eric Devlin

Mr. Doucette opened the Remote public meeting at 7:30pm and read the remote meeting notice. All members participated remotely.

Discussion:

Minutes-

May 20th, 2021 and May 27th, 2021 meeting minutes

Motion by Mr. Doucette to approve minutes from May 20th, 2021 and May 27th, 2021, as written. Second by Mr. Paiewonsky. Mr. Sloan abstained from the May 20th minutes and Ms. Gibbons abstained from the May 27th minutes.

Roll Call vote May 20th minutes: Richard Doucette – yes, Eugenia Gibbons- yes, Kate Hickey- yes, Michael Paiewonsky- yes and Ryan Sloan- abstain
4-0 in favor.

Roll Call vote May 27th minutes: Richard Doucette – yes, Eugenia Gibbons- abstain, Kate Hickey- yes, Michael Paiewonsky- yes and Ryan Sloan- yes
4-0 in favor.

36 Slayton Road – Peter Ogren, Robert Bell and James Confalone were present. Mr. Ogren described the property and historical use as farm land and past litigation. Order of Conditions issued for work on the property at some point in the past. House and barn structure foundation remnants in the approximate location of the proposed house. A (12) foot wide driveway with utilities beneath it was proposed to access the site, minimalistic access way was previously approved with pervious pavers. Prior project permit expired that included removal of 30” pipe and replacement with HDPE pipe. There are 3 ditches or watercourses that run through the property, these were hand dug at some point in the past for drainage. Existing 30” clay pipe under the driveway for one of the ditches. This was mistakenly removed from the submitted plans and intention is for it to remain as is. No fill proposed with temporary and permanent disturbance areas. No volumetric flood

storage proposed. On-site survey shots and aerial survey shots used for grades. Ditches on the site are to drain the property. Create additional BLSF and BVW with excavation for the proposed replication area.

Mr. Bell- Discussion with neighborhood residents. Storm drainage litigation in the past. Signed agreement between the City and the property owner at some point.

Mr. Doucette- Might have been present on the Commission when this site was last permitted. Very small area of upland in the back, unclear on the distance to the rear lot line. Proposed lawn extends into the no disturb zone with no explanation.

Mr. Ogren- Lawn into no disturb to keep driveway out of the no construction zone.

Mr. Paiewonsky – Plans could clarify BVW or BLSF.

Mr. Ogren- Flagged BVW on plan for driveway, elevation line. Low point on driveway is in the BVW. Dotted line is temporary disturbance. Hard copies of the plan to be sent out to the members for review, site visit required.

Driveway shots in Upland to BVW, 1430 square feet of replacement. Mr. Paiewonsky- potential to curve driveway up to left in zone A?

Mr. Ogren- Flood map provided the contours.

Mr. Doucette- Clearer BVW line for the driveway requested.

Mr. Sloan- Driveway width? The project narrative states a 15 foot wide driveway.

Mr. Ogren- Plan shows 12 foot wide driveway. Reflectors on the cross section detail to prevent vehicles from veering off the edge.

Mr. Doucette- 13 year old wetland line is an issue, needs to be updated to reflect the current existing conditions. July 1 site visit proposed, possibly delay to later in July to allow more members to attend and updated wetland delineation.

Public Comment: Renee Linn, neighbor to the project. Multiple concerns about lighting, fire access, old/expired permit.

Stuart Linn- Impact to neighboring lots/ substitution of pipe or ditch to impact surrounding homes.

Mr. Ogren- No impact expected, infiltration for house.

Will send over certified mail abutter cards/receipt.

-Add color to the plan/make flood zone different color than BVW to make them easier to see on the plan.

-Site visit scheduled for July 12 at 5:30pm. Ok for neighbors to attend.

Motion by Mr. Doucette to Continue to the July 15 meeting, Second by Mr. Sloan

Roll Call vote: Richard Doucette – yes, Eugenia Gibbons- yes, Kate Hickey- yes, Michael Paiewonsky- yes and Ryan Sloan- yes

5-0 in favor.

17 Burnett Street- Continued public hearing, Brian Timm and Cathy Gilberto present. Summary of DPW comments, challenging situation with maintenance on downstream wetland necessary to let this project connect to it. Commission could conditionally approve the project with a special condition that the stormwater connection would only be allowed with a sign off from DPW. Invasive management portion ok.

Mr. Doucette- Fix what can be fixed, DPW is responsible for allowing/approving connection special condition. Wording will need to be clear for future work requiring DPW approval regarding connection to the stormwater system.

Mr. Paiewonsky-Only approving the work in wetlands or buffer zone, not the actual

connection.

Mr. Timm stated that the applicant was okay with an Order of Conditions being issued beyond the 21 day requirement.

Motion by Mr. Doucette to close the public hearing and issue an Order of Conditions at the next meeting (beyond 21 days), Second by Mr. Sloan

Roll Call vote: Richard Doucette – yes, Eugenia Gibbons- yes, Kate Hickey- yes, Michael Paiewonsky- yes and Ryan Sloan- yes
5-0 in favor.

130 Penny Road- Kathleen Quinlan and William Quinlan present.

Above ground pool proposed in existing lawn area. Pool to be partially set into the ground, approx. 1 foot difference from far end of the proposed pool to the close end. 58 feet from wetland edge on side toward the shed and 61' from wetland edge on back side. Mr. Quinlan- Soil to be removed from the driveway side with an excavator. Material will be removed and pool underlayment will be play sand.

Mr. Doucette- This project will need to file a permit and it should be handled in one meeting. Close enough to wetland with soil disturbance.

Staff will send the paperwork to homeowner and put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Invoices:

Solitude Lake Management – Task 2 invoice \$350. Staff discussed additional tasks that Commission would need to consider executing. Options 1,2,5,9 discussed in addition to option 10 for the Water Chestnut.

Motion by Mr. Doucette to approve the invoices for the Solitude task 2, Agent discretion on additional tasks as necessary. Mr. Sloan seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote: Richard Doucette – yes, Eugenia Gibbons- yes, Kate Hickey- yes, Michael Paiewonsky- yes and Ryan Sloan- yes
5-0 in favor.

Victorian Fair- \$240 for the table, canopy and banner for the Commission.

Motion by Mr. Doucette to approve the invoices for the Victorian Fair table with table, canopy and banner install. Mr. Paiewonsky seconded the motion and it was voted 5-0 in favor.

Roll Call vote: Richard Doucette – yes, Eugenia Gibbons- yes, Kate Hickey- yes, Michael Paiewonsky- yes and Ryan Sloan- yes
5-0 in favor.

MACC FY22 member dues- \$696

Motion by Mr. Doucette to approve the invoices for the MACC FY22 dues. Ms. Hickey seconded the motion and it was voted 5-0 in favor.

Roll Call vote: Richard Doucette – yes, Eugenia Gibbons- yes, Kate Hickey- yes, Michael Paiewonsky- yes and Ryan Sloan- yes
5-0 in favor.

Mr. Doucette indicated that he will no longer be a Melrose resident by the end of the month and Ms. Hickey indicated that the Victorian fair will likely be her last event with the Commission. The Commission is looking for new members. Discussion on whether having a rotating chair would be a good idea to train others and build strength for new members.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

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

Adjourn

9:36PM adjourn

Approved

Date.

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