



CITY OF MELROSE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Melrose Conservation
Commission

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Melrose Conservation Commission Minutes for January 30, 2014

Present: Susan Murphy, Kate Hickey, Kevin Anderson, Erin Heacock
Absent: Aaron Weieneth, and Richard Doucette

Ms. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Other Business

Ms. Heacock reviewed the Sustainability meeting with members. They discussed coordinating the fair with Healthy Melrose. Tents and tables will be free. Ms. Heacock said that Conservation will share a table. The fair is planned for May 3rd from 10-2 pm, and they will be having food and exercises such as Zumba on the field. The next meeting of the Sustainability Committee is scheduled for April 3rd at 7:30 pm

Ms. Heacock touched on trail clean ups. She spoke with someone from the Ell Pond Committee and they are planning a cleanup for May 10th with May 17th as a rain date. There was a suggestion to recruit volunteers for the Conservation trail cleanup at the Sustainability Fair.

Ms. Heacock mentioned that Dave Dickerson from the Ell Pond Committee would like to start talks again on water levels at Ell Pond.

Ms. Heacock said that she gave three sites, Florence Ave., Belmont St., & Leonard Rd. for Community Garden sites. She asked if the City would contribute any resources; labor, machines? She also asked if there are any restrictions on the lands?

Minutes

Mr. Anderson moved to approve the Minutes of November 7, 2014 & December 5, 2014. Ms. Heacock seconded the motion and it was unanimously voted in favor.

Budget/Education Line Item

There was some discussion about members taking classes and other possible ways that the education funds could be used such as lectures on wetlands or a project at one of the elementary schools. Ms. Morgan will check with the City Accountant.

22 Crystal St.

The Inspector's office is reviewing a request for a permit to install a backup generator at 22 Crystal St. The entire site is within a floodplain and, therefore, it was referred to Conservation. The contractor was supposed to come to the meeting, but didn't make it. Members felt that if the device was put on a stand or posts, that no filing would be required. The device should be above the level of floodplain. The Commission would like to see how the platform or device would be installed. There was some concern about the use of gas. If natural gas was to be used, there would be no issue.

Ms. Murphy will attend the Metro North Land Use Priority Plan on February 11th

A site visit is scheduled for 1 Patriot Way, Sunday, February 9th at 9:00 am.

Adjourn

Mr. Anderson moved to adjourn at 8:30 pm, seconded by Ms. Hickey, and voted unanimously in favor.

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.