



CITY OF MELROSE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Melrose Conservation
Commission

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Melrose Conservation Commission Minutes for May 1, 2014

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

Absent: Richard Doucette

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

Trail Cleanup – members decided to meet at the Flagg Acres Parking area at 9 AM on Saturday, May 17th, with a rain date of May 18th.

Nature outdoor classroom and or nature trail – members discussed options for an educational project at the entrance to Rocky View trail which is adjacent to the Hoover School. An outdoor classroom with benches was discussed. The type of benches or how to secure them would need to be determined. Members also discussed a nature trail with sign posts along the trail identifying species. Members will do a site visit May 15th at the Hoover School. Ms. Heacock will invite Sarah Mazonview who does educational programs in the Fells to the site visit. Aaron will look into the instructor in charge of the Saugus River Watershed Council educational programs.

Healthy Melrose Sustainability Committee – Ms. Heacock volunteered to take charge of the next meeting on June 24th.

Aquatic Control contract – the 2014 contract was reviewed and approved for \$9,950.

Other Business:

92 Franklin – The Commission was informed by the Planning office that a project is planned for this site and asked if there were any wetland issues. The 100 year floodplain touches the corner of the lot. At that point on the lot, the applicant is proposing to take down the existing garage and put concrete down. The applicant will be advised that a permit from Conservation will not be necessary if there is no filling or elevation change and there is equal cut and fill.

Conservation land adjacent to 22 Leonard St. – Ms. Fredericks, who lives to the left of the parcel, is concerned that the tree branches from the trees on the Conservation land that

have grown over her driveway will come down on top of her cars. Ms. Murphy will send Ms. Fredericks a letter about trimming the branches back and advising her not to park on the Conservation land. The Commission will talk about putting a Conservation Land sign up on the property. Mr. Weieneth will coordinate with Joan Lounsbury to see if this site has potential for a native species planting demonstration site.

Minutes

Ms. Murphy moved to approve the Minutes of April 17, 2014. Mr. Weieneth seconded the motion; and it was unanimously voted in favor.

The next Conservation meeting will be May 15, 2014.

Adjourn

Mr. Anderson moved to adjourn at 9:00 pm, seconded by Mr. Weieneth, 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.
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