



CITY OF MELROSE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Melrose Conservation Commission Minutes for August 15, 2013

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

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

Minutes

Mr. Weieneth moved to approve the minutes of July 13, 2013. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion, and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Continued Public Hearing

77 & 79 Messenger Ct. (217-0187) – Continued Public Hearing

Mr. Doucette moved that the Commission send an email to the Wakefield Town Engineer, Mike Collins, and ask him to send us whatever information they have, and urge them to have their information completed by the end of September. Let them know that the Melrose Conservation Commission intends to proceed and move forward at our October 17th meeting. Ms. Heacock seconded the motion; and it was voted unanimously in favor (Mr. Anderson agreed to draft an email to be sent to Mr. Collins)

Mr. Weieneth moved to continue the Public Hearing to October 17, 2013, at 7:30 pm, seconded by Mr. Anderson; and voted unanimously in favor.

Public Hearing

880 Main Street – Request for Determination

Andrew Street, DPW Director was present. The City would like to replace the piping that goes through the Whole Foods Parking lot and “T’s” at the fence around the Towers parking area. A lot of the work is within the floodplain and adjacent to an isolated BVW between the Towers parking area and the soccer field. A video camera was put through the piping and it was discovered that the sidewalls are gone, eroded away. The existing

pipings will be replaced with a 42" pipe and a concrete junction will be installed where the pipes join. The work will be 25'-30' away from the wetlands and haybales will go before the wetland swale. Mr. Anderson asked about the concrete collar, which he said maybe a weak link in the project. Mr. Street said it is a substantial structure and not just patch work. He also said that all grades should remain the same as they do now.

Ms. Murphy moved to issue a Negative 2 & 3 with the condition of 48 hour notification when it starts and sedimentation controls in place and de-watering details. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion; and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Middle School Sidewalks – DPW started their sidewalk program, as part of a road bond, by reconstructing the entrance to the Middle School. The concrete had heaved and settled making for an unsafe condition. Mr. Street apologized to members for not realizing that the work was within the 100' buffer to a wetland area toward the baseball field. The area is also within a floodplain. Mr. Street explained that they ripped up the concrete and installed asphalt in the middle and concrete on the ends of the area. They conducted a geotechnical examination of the soils in the area. Filter fabric will be placed in the catch basins and the grades will remain the same. Mr. Doucette asked that the Commission be advised when the filter fabric is installed in the catch basins.

Certificate of Compliance

235-245 West Wyoming Ave. – Members re-signed another original Certificate of Compliance for recording with the registry.

Victorian Fair

Ms. Murphy, Ms. Heacock, Mr. Weieneth and Ms. Hickey all said they would be available to man the table at the Fair.

Ms. Murphy moved to approve payment for space & tent at the upcoming Victorian Fair. Mr. Weieneth seconded the motion; and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Adjourn

Mr. Weieneth moved to adjourn at 8:30 pm, seconded by Ms. Heacock, and voted unanimously in favor. The next scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission will be on Thursday, September 19, 2013.

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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