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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Melrose Conservation Commission
Minutes for July 18, 2013

Present: Susan Murphy, Erin Heacock, Aaron Weieneth a*nd* Kevin Anderson
Absent: Kate Hickey Richard Doucette
Ms. Murphy, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Public Hearing

72 Tremont Street/Fueling Facility at the City Yard – Request for Determination

Andrew Street, DPW Director was present. The City is trying to reduce fuel costs by installing a fueling facility at City Yard. The location where the tank will be located is now employee parking. The entire site is in the floodplain. There is a diesel tank on the site now but not up to date. Borings were done in the desired location and the elevation in that area is 52. There will be a concrete pad placed under the tank and fuel pump and pad for vehicle to fill up on. A trench drain will surround the tank, with a pipe down to a catch basin and a new separator at the low point and eventually drain into a closed drain. The fueling facility will only be for City vehicles and the personnel at City yard will be trained for any emergency.

Mr. Weieneth asked what the dimensions of the tank were and at what elevation it will be installed at. Mr. Street said it is a double-walled tank with concrete footings, slightly off the ground and all excavation will be at ground level. It will have an alarm system in case of any spills. Mr. Anderson asked where the drain at Tremont St. drains to? Mr. Street said he doesn't know, but might go out to Ell Pond. Ms. Murphy asked how often City Yard is cleaned? Mr. Street said that's a good question for the Operations Manager, but he said maintenance is important. Mr. Street said the existing fill in that area will be removed and re-filled at the same elevation. Ms. Heacock asked how many deliveries they expect. Mr. Street said the tank is a 4,000 gal. tank. Ms. Murphy asked that a FEMA Flood Map of the area be submitted. Mr. Street said he would get that and the flood elevation is at 53.

Mr. Weieneth moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Ms. Murphy moved to issue a Negative 2 Determination.

Continued Public Hearing

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

Mr. Weieneth moved, seconded by Ms. Heacock, and voted unanimously in favor to accept the applicant's request to continue the Public Hearing to Thursday, August 15, 2013.

Minutes

Mr. Anderson moved to approve the minutes of June 20, 2013. Mr. Weieneth seconded the motion, and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Chair asked members if they were interested in doing any studies or projects in town. Mr. Anderson said he would be interested in participating in the Sustainability Committee. Mr. Weieneth and Ms. Heacock said they would be interested in getting more involved with the trails in town. Ms. Murphy said she will look into the studies on the ponds.

Todd Wacome sent an email asking if the Commission would be interested in hearing a presentation covering a technique of treating stormwater. After reviewing the information in the email, there was a consensus that a presentation wasn't necessary, but the Commission would be willing to review any information or materials that they wanted to send.

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, August 15, 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.