



CITY OF MELROSE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Melrose Conservation Commission Minutes for April 25, 2013

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

Mr. Doucette, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Members were advised of a Willow tree that came down in a wetland at Mt. Hood Golf Course. Joan Bell, Parks Superintendent asked if the tree could be taken out. When Ms. Morgan did a site visit, she noticed that associated with this wetland is a drainage pipe that goes into an adjacent wetland that got clogged and the grounds people say they got approval to remove a part of the pipe. It could be that when the pipe was removed they altered the elevations, and as a result, the flow is backing up where it once flowed through the pipe. The grounds people created a trench to direct the flow back to the opening of the pipe/wetland area. Members approved of the tree being cut and removed out of the wetland but asked that wetland plants or another Willow tree be planted to restore the function of the missing Willow. Ms. Bell was asked to make the grounds crew aware that they need to request approval from the Conservation Commission prior to any work within or around 100' of a wetland area.

Aquatic Control

The contract for Aquatic Control is up for renewal. Unfortunately, the FY14 budget for the Commission has not yet been approved. Although funding will most likely be approved, the Commission cannot commit to funding a contract beyond its available funds. Members decided to go forward with the contract only up to current available funds and continue with the regimen once additional funding is secured.

Mr. Anderson moved to approve work within the Aquatic Control contract up to available funds and go forward with the contract upon additional funding. Ms. Hickey seconded the motion, and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Minutes

Mr. Doucette moved to approve the March 21, 2013, minutes, seconded by Ms. Hickey, and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Certificate of Compliance

Members decided to hold off until the next meeting to review.

Continued Public Hearing **77 & 79 Messenger Ct.**

Mr. Doucette moved to accept the applicant's request to continue the Public Hearing to May 23, 2013. Ms. Heacock seconded the motion; and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Adjourn

Mr. Anderson moved to adjourn at 8:15 pm, seconded by Ms. Heacock, and voted unanimously in favor. The next scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission will be on Thursday, May 23, 2013.