



# CITY OF MELROSE

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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### Melrose Conservation Commission Minutes for September 19, 2013

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

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

#### **7:30 PM      Minutes**

Mr. Anderson moved to approve the minutes of August 15, 2013. Mr. Weieneth seconded the motion, and it was voted unanimously in favor.

#### **Other Business**

Mr. Weieneth mentioned to members that he talked with Joan Lounsbury at the Victorian Fair. Joan works for Grow Native and Aaron talked with her about screening Conservation properties and identifying locations to plant native vegetation and educate residents about native plants.

Mr. Weieneth will review conservation parcels and suggest locations to members to go forward with this proposal.

Ms. Heacock reviewed her meeting with the Community garden members and their goals.

#### **7:45 PM      Public Hearing – 3 Swains Pond Ave. (217-xxxx) addition**

Mr. Liberman, the owner, was present. The homeowners would like to remove the existing porch and replace it with a new addition and a new porch. Leah Basbanes delineated the wetlands. The work is approximately 50' from the edge of wetlands. The property lies on the Melrose/Malden line. The wetlands are located in Melrose and the work for the addition is in Malden. Mr. Liberman met with Gary Stead, Malden Conservation Agent in Malden, and advised him that he was filing with Melrose Conservation. Mr. Stead gave Mr. Liberman a letter stating that the Malden Conservation would accept the delineation and decision of the Melrose Commission. The wetland is located on the property behind and to the left of this site. A concrete culvert runs along Mr. Liberman's left property line and then opens up into this wetland. Another covered culvert runs along the back of the Liberman property toward Malden. Ms. Heacock asked

where materials would be stored. Mr. Liberman said, materials would be stored in the contractor's truck.

**Mr. Anderson moved to close the Public Hearing and issue an Order of Conditions with the standard conditions, but didn't feel erosion control would be required. Ms. Heacock seconded the motion; and it was voted unanimously in favor.**

Today Mr. Weieneth and Ms. Morgan attended a meeting in Wakefield with Mr. Collins, Wakefield Town Engineer and Mr. Brinkman and Associate from Wright Pearce, the firm doing the drainage study for Wakefield. Mr. Weieneth reviewed the meeting with members. Mr. Weieneth stated that the engineers have completed the analysis using "SWIM" – EPA stormwater model. Mr. Collins said that he has done field studies. The information was derived using both surveys and data for open channels. A live demo of how flooding occurs in the area was shown, but the information was not used on a live storm. Mr. Collins feels the data gathered by Wright Pearce is comparable to his knowledge of field surveys and agreed with the elevation of 74.3'. Mr. Barrows from Marchionda was also present. Mr. Collins advised Mr. Barrows to use their determined elevation of the area of 74.3' and see what lands are left to determine their project. Mr. Barrows asked if this data would be submitted to FEMA. He stated that they would have to go with what FEMA approved. Mr. Collins said that he spoke with Bob Beshara, prior to his retiring, and he said there are no restriction in the drainage in Melrose. Mr. Collins said there is no backflow into Wakefield. Ms. Morgan was asked to call Wright Pearce and request their presence at the meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjourn**

**Mr. Anderson moved to adjourn at 9:00 pm, seconded by Ms. Heacock, and voted unanimously in favor.**

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| 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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