

Melrose Conservation Commission
Minutes for January 5, 2012

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

Absent: Steve Locke and Joe Nerden

Guest:

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

Minutes

Ms. Murphy moved to approve the minutes for November 17, 2011. Mr. Doucette seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Discussion

Aquatic Control Contract

Ms. Murphy went through the Aquatic Control review for this year's treatment of the ponds in town and recommendations for the upcoming year. The loosestrife treatment at Swains Pond seems to be working. Aquatic Control reports that along with plant and algae growth conditions worsening in Ell Pond, there is also an addition of the invasive water chestnut infestation. Joan Bell will be asked to see if she can provide labor to pull plants under Aquatic Control's oversight/her dept. or volunteers.

Signs

Members went over the characteristics for the new Conservation signs. The sign will be like the sample sign submitted by The Sign Shop, but deleting the word Commission, using ¾" MDO wood backing (painted brown) for the 14"x16" .080 aluminum panel digital print, the font and the tree to be the same as the adopt a sign.

Printing Maps

Members decided that other than removing the outlines of the houses, the maps would be ready for printing.

Wind Turbine

Ms. Murphy gave members a status report. It was earlier reported that the State required Article 97 land to be transferred prior to submitting a grant application. Mass. Clean Energy has suggested that this could be accomplished with a conditioned approval, so that the disposition would only go forward if a turbine is to be built. Ms. Murphy asked Ms. Heacock, who has some experience in the field, to assist in researching whether such a conditional approval is allowable.. City Solicitor Van Campen has been in touch with State Reps.

Adjourn

Mr. Doucette moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and voted unanimously in favor.

