

Melrose Conservation Commission
Minutes for March 1, 2012

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

Absent: Steve Locke

Guest:

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

7:30 PM Minutes

Mr. Doucette moved to approve the minutes of February 16, 2012. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion, and it was voted unanimously in favor.

7 Cedarwood Lane

No work started. Ms. Murphy will speak with the homeowner.

Signs

The company Sign Here was selected to make the Conservation land signs. They have not returned calls and it was decided that if they don't respond within the next week to give the job to Sardella Signs.

Other Business

Ms. Murphy gave members an update on the Wind Turbine project. New zoning may be required to allow for a Wind Turbine in the desired location. The Mayor has put a hold on the project until the budget is finalized.

Ms. Murphy advised members that Tom Paulina is filing for a 604B Grant for Ell Pond (Clean Waters Act). Members unanimously agreed to send a letter of support from the Commission.

7:45 PM Public Hearing – 88 Granite Street – Request for Determination

There was no representative present for the project. Ms. Murphy has spoken with the homeowner, Mr. Venturo about the project and explained the details to members. Mr. Venturo would like to do some slight re-grading from the front of his property to the back. He believes the soils in the front of his property will filter better and would help the flooding that now occurs on his property. Ms. Murphy explained the history of the site and how the berm on the edge of the front yard was eventually allowed by DEP. Members were determined that the elevation stay at 102, no additional fill is to be brought to the site, and the amount fill in the backyard should be equal to or less than the amount of the cut area.

Mr. Nerden moved to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion, and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Ms. Murphy moved to issue a Negative 2 Determination with an additional condition that, *No fill shall be imported to the site and re-grading of area is not to exceed elevation 102 as denoted on plan. The amount of fill should be equal to or less than the amount of cut. The work is not to extend beyond the south end of the concrete pad and not to exceed the owner's westerly property line. Notice should be given to the Conservation Agent and Conservation Chair at least 48 hours in advance of starting work.*

The Commission was advised by the City Engineer that the project would only be allowed by the City if the homeowner kept an 8' buffer from Burnett St. to the cut area. The homeowner was advised of this additional stipulation.

Reappointments

Mr. Nerden, Mr. Doucette and Mr. Locke (Associate member) are all up for reappointments. Mr. Nerden indicated that he would stay on, but didn't feel he could do a full three year term. Mr. Locke sent an email to the Commission indicating that he will not be looking for a reappointment.

Adjourn

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