

Melrose Conservation Commission
Minutes for September 20, 2012

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

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

Mr. Doucette took over as Acting Chair for the Continued Public Hearing.

Continued Public Hearing

77 & 79 Messenger Court (245-0187)

Mr. Robert Bell, Esq., from Bell & Izzi, LLC, Paul Marchionda, from Marchionda & Associates, L.P. and Greg Antonelli, the developer were present. A site visit was made 8/29/12 with members, the applicant, Mr. Antonelli and his engineer, Paul Marchionda, and abutters (a list in attendance is attached). Mr. Doucette asked the applicant and his engineer if they have had any conversations with the City Engineer, Planning Board or Zoning Board. Mr. Marchionda said, no. The Commission sent out requests for peer review proposals out to six firms and the Commission and the applicant had two firms, Beta, Inc. and Meridian Associates to choose from. Mr. Doucette asked where the two firms names came from. Kathy said Beta was suggested from the City Engineer, Bob Beshara and Ms. Murphy knew of Meridian from a City project they had worked on. Members noted that the Beta proposal included additional meeting time and additional review. Mr. Anderson said the work involved is essentially a review. Members were asked if they knew of the firms or had any preference or objections. Mr. Weieneth said he has used Meridian for survey work. The applicant and Commission agreed on Meridian, who came in at a lower price but also seemed to account for what would be required under the review.

Mr. Anderson moved to retain Meridian Associates to perform a 3rd party peer review of the stormwater calculations for the project proposed at 77 & 79 Messenger Ct. Ms. Hickey seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously in favor.

It was decided that the applicant will pay the firm directly, but that the City Auditor's office will be consulted.

Al O'Connor – 73 Greenwood submitted paperwork dated 7/14/75 and 9/23/75 from a previous determination of the property. He also spoke of when the Steele House went in.

Stanley Gryglik – 14 Ashburton Place - Said there is a lot of peat in the area and they had to drive a lot of pile drives down for the building of the Steele House. He has his own soil samples

from his property because he was planning an addition. Mr. Gryglik told of the number of floods that the Steele House has been through.

Unknown abutter – said she had an oil spill in the area and she has a book of soil samples. She asked if they would be of any use. Mr. Doucette said, I don't think so.

Mr. Gryglik said there has been a lot of remediation in the area and they occasionally have ducks and other wild animals. He asked if there was an abutter from the Railroad? Mr. Doucette said that no one from Amtrak has been to the meeting.

Mr. Doucette moved to continue the Continued Public Hearing to Thursday, October 18, 2012, at 7:30 PM. Ms. Heacock continued the motion; and it was voted unanimously in favor.

The Chair was turned back over to Ms. Murphy.

Members reviewed the Annual Report of the Conservation Commission for FY2012.

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Mr. Anderson moved to approve the minutes of August 23, 2012. Mr. Doucette seconded the motion, and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Invoice – Aquatic Control for the spot treatment of purple loosestrife growth in Swains Pond.

Mr. Anderson moved to approve the Invoice from Aquatic Control for \$800. Ms. Hickey seconded the motion; and it was voted 4-0.

Adjourn

Mr. Doucette moved to adjourn at 9:40 pm, seconded by Ms. Heacock, and voted unanimously in favor.