Melrose Conservation Commission
Minutes of November 17, 2011 meeting

Present: Susan Murphy, Erin Heacock, Kate Hickey, Joe Nerden, Richard Doucette
Absent: Steve Locke, Kevin Anderson

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

71 Cranmore Lane – Request for Amended Order of Condition
Mr. and Mrs. Corso presented revised plans from Reg. Land Surveyor Farrell dated 11/1/11 showing grading and a new location for the garage. Drainage calculations were submitted by Alan Engineering, M.Slegar P.E. dated 10/31/11 describing the installation of a Cultec system to manage the runoff from increased pavement and garage roof.

Susan: The Alan Engineering letter does not address the other issue raised by the Commission: the functioning of the existing Cultec system at the house, since the grading to the rear of the house is not as it was originally designed/approved. From a review of the plans, it appears the system would function adequately, but that issue should be clearly addressed when a Certificate of Compliance is requested.

Discussion of the expiration date of the Order of Conditions, with the statewide extension. The permit should expire in June 2013.

Joe: The Cultec system to the rear of the garage should be relocated slightly ~~to~~ as to avoid construction in the 20ft no build zone associated with the wetland to the rear of the lot. Joe motioned/Erin seconded to issue an amended order, with these new plans. The vote was unanimous.

Nordic Way
An individual is seeking to purchase one home in this subdivision approved by a 1996 Order of Condition. Hayes Engineering met with Susan regarding how to obtain a Certificate of Compliance for their lot. No Certificate has been obtained for the subdivision. There may be some drainage issues at the bottom of the hill. The drainage system may be blocked by siltation, or was poorly designed or constructed. The Commission would require a red line of the approved plans and an inspection/cleaning of the drainage system.

17 Burnett St.
Susan met with the City Solicitor, who has spoken with the home owner and his attorney. A meeting is planned this week to discuss what, if anything, the Commission can do to help resolve the ongoing issues. The saga continues.

Melrose Athletic Fields
The City of Melrose has taken water samples, to determine the nature of the oily sheen observed at the Commission's site inspection two weeks ago. Reportedly, the siltation fence has been repaired.

Conservation Land Signs
The Commission decided the standard aluminum blank is the preferred option. We will put this design out to bid, and get prices. We might use a different design for trailhead signs at key conservation lands, but this design is sufficient for most/smaller conservation parcels, simply to identify the land as conservation land. We need to determine the thresholds of various prices from vendors, before making a decision on quantities to be purchased.

Wetland Maps
The commission reviewed the revised wetland maps, showing drainage. Recommendations were made to make the topographic contours more readable.

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Richard motioned/Erin seconded to approved the 10/20/11 minutes as written. The vote was unanimous.

Boardman Ave. Subdivision
The Commission reviewed the revised easement wording from Atty. Izzy. Joe motioned/Richard seconded to approve the wording. The vote was unanimous.

1 Indian Hill Rd.
Susan reported on the final DEP disposition of the past violation, and the Commission viewed pictures of the riprap wall that has been installed. It looks fine.

Environmental Education Coordinator
Susan reported Jessica Schmitt has been designated the Melrose Education Coordinator. She is looking for ideas. Susan will get more info.

The meeting adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is December 1 or 15, if there are sufficient items requiring a meeting.