

Melrose Conservation Commission

Minutes for April 7, 2011

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

Absent: Steve Locke

Staff: Kathy Morgan

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Off Carlida Road, now 71 Cranmore Rd.

The Corsos the homeowners, were present. Kathy visited the property on a routine site visit and discovered that the project exceeded what was approved. Mr. Corso said that the house was decreased from what was proposed was 48' in width and as-built shows only 40'. The driveway was proposed to come straight into the house, but to avoid taking down eight trees they shifted the driveway over and came up along the right side of the house and around back, creating more impervious surface than was approved. He said he had spoken with Ms. Murphy over the summer and was told to come before the board, but then October came and he wanted to get a binder down before winter. The Corso's are looking to construct a garage at the end of the driveway. The owners were told to have an engineered as-built plan done, showing what exists at the site now and the location for the proposed garage. The plan should be submitted by 5/18/11 for review at the 5/19/11 meeting.

700 Broadway, Malden (217-0185) Minor Modification

Chi Man, from Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) was present. The applicant is requesting a change in the 36" pipe that goes from the back rain garden under the parking lot to the front rain garden. DEP expressed their concerns in their comments that the piping might drain the wetlands. Mr. Man explained to members that they want to pull the headwall back into the parking area to pull the rip rap out of the wetland boundary. They have also added some clay dams and a collar to the pipe to impede the flow through the pipe and allow infiltration in the rain garden. They are working with the abutter, D & R, to resolve issues. They are looking into tying in a couple of catch basins with the 36" pipe on the D&R site.

Mr. Anderson moved to approve the changes to the plan as a minor modification. Mr. Nerden seconded the motion, and it was voted unanimously in favor.

350 Lynn Fells Parkway- Middle/High School Athletic Field (217-0182)

Kathy and Susan have been out to the site and have made the City Engineering staff aware of the problems happening with the de-watering at the site. The flow is excessive and the silt fence being used is continually tearing with the pressure of the water behind it. Kathy met with Charlie Serpa, PM at the site, and he said he would contact the engineer to fix the areas that had broken through. Mr. Revoli advised that they were unable to get the silt fence proposed in the contract so they used another comparable material. Susan met with George Makso, onsite manager hired by Revoli. The area around the school is very disturbed from when the pumps were installed and as a way to divert the overflow away from this area, Susan suggested a hay bale berm. The contractors installed the hay bales but as a result the flow of water was pushed to the other end of the silt fence and was going directly into the detention pond. Kathy met with Charlie Serpa, from the City and Jim Goulet, from Revoli Construction, construction manager to get the situation under control at the site. Mr. Goulet said that he would continue the silt fence to the fence at Lynn Fells Parkway and add another row of silt fence or some hay bales. He said that he could divert some of the water into the Tremont St. catch basin. Mr. Goulet couldn't make the meeting, but emailed a report to the Conservation office. He did not outline in his report the volume calculations, monitoring results and how that is being done as he was requested at the onsite meeting. Members stated their concerns with the project; erosion & sedimentation, flow control, would like better oversight of the project to see that procedures are being implemented, and would like to see better responsiveness of the contractor. Mr. Nerden said he is concerned that things will get worse once the digging starts, especially with the snow pile putting pressure on the area. Ms. Murphy may go out to the site tomorrow and a memo will be sent to Mr. Beshara, City Engineer, letting him know the Commission's concerns.

543 Franklin Street, Corinthian Hall

Mr. Morgan was present and made members aware of some minor improvements that were made to the parking lot of this property, some storm drains where he doesn't remember being any. Ms. Murphy advised Mr. Morgan that he should contact the DPW. Mr. Morgan also brought in the trash that he had collected at Ell Pond and the Skate Park and urged the Commission to get Parks & Rec. to clean up those areas.

Aquatic Control Contract

Ms. Murphy suggested to members that budgeted money be spent on chemical treatment at Towners Pond. The hydro-raking that was done previously was expensive and the abutters were not satisfied with the results, also Aquatic Control didn't recommend it be done. Ms. Murphy said the Commission can chemical treat Towners Pond this year and work on controlling the Purple Loosestrife at Ell Pond and Swains next year. Cost for the chemical treatment and filing for permits is \$9830.

Mr. Nerden moved to approve the Aquatic Control Contract. Mr. Doucette seconded the motion. Discussion: Mr. Doucette suggested having an informal discussion with the neighbors and other concerned citizens with regard to the future progress of Towners Pond. There was also some talk about doing a watershed study of Towners Pond, but it was felt that it couldn't be done in this fiscal period. **The motion was voted unanimously in favor.**

Lakes & Pond Grant Money

A subcommittee of the Alderman have voted to restore the money into the Conservation budget and now just waiting for the Alderman decision.

Signs

Kathy will look into locations, and check with Parks & Rec about their signs.

The next meeting will be April 21, 2011

Adjourn

Mr. Nerden moved, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and voted unanimously in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM.