

Melrose Conservation Commission
Minutes for September 15, 2011

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

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

Discussion

Invoices

An invoice was received from Aquatic Control for sonar treatment at Towners Pond and Ell Pond.

Mr. Nerden moved to authorize the payment. Mr. Doucette seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Minutes

Mr. Doucette moved to approve the minutes for July 14, 2011. Ms. Hickey seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Doucette moved to approve the minutes for September 1, 2011, with corrections made to the second paragraph. Mr. Nerden seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Certificate of Compliance

802 Lynn Fells Parkway (217-0182)

Mr. Doucette noted that the elevation directly behind the new addition to the back of the house is at elevation 69 and was proposed to be at 68. Members would ask that the applicant demonstrate that the compensatory storage is the same on every elevation. Issuing of the Certificate of Compliance will be held off until more information is received.

Public Hearing

Amendment to 71 Cranmore Lane (217-0182)

Mr. and Mrs. Corso, the owners, were present. A plan dated May 12, 2011, entitled As-built, driveway location – proposed garage, was submitted. The Corsos are proposing to amend their

original plan by adding additional pavement in the driveway and a one-car garage. Mr. Corso is proposing to catch the additional runoff from the garage and driveway in a cul tec system or “under garage storage – bladder”. Mr. Corso has listed on the plan 1675 s.f. of existing drive and he advised members that an additional 900 s.f. will be added under the amendment. He said that some of the driveway under the garage will be removed. Mr. Nerden noted that no contours or elevations are listed on the As-Built plan. He would like the garage moved closer toward the house in an effort to move it out of the 20’ no build zone. He said he would like to see the total impervious figures including the driveway and the house. Barbara Eversole, 39 Cranmore Lane, came to the meeting to make sure that what was built was what was proposed. She believes that fill was brought in. Mr. Corso said they actually had to remove fill. Ms. Murphy said the Commission will be able to determine if the project was built as proposed when the contours and elevations are known.

Members requested that Mr. and Mrs. Corso attend the November 3, 2011, meeting of the Commission and submit a revised plan, showing the existing elevations and contours and stating the amount of total impervious including the house and driveway. Also outlined should be the amount of approved impervious for the project that was proposed and the amount of impervious for the new driveway and the house that was built. A comparison of the storm water calculations as approved to what was built and how it is going to function now. The elevation of the installed cul tec units and how they relate to documented ground water conditions and how they are going to perform as installed.

Discussion

Wind Turbine

At the last Conservation meeting, members were advised that their support was needed to go forward with a feasibility study for the Mt. Hood location. Ms. Murphy advised members that the Mass. Clean Energy Committee has told the City that a grant would only be approved for a feasibility study if all approvals by the various boards and committees were given in advance. The City has to put out a RFQ to hire a consultant, so the City will have to decide whether to go forward. Mr. Doucette suggested that the City Solicitor draft a letter for the Conservation Commission’s approval and subsequently the Board of Aldermen. Mr. Nerden would like to know the exact location. Mr. Doucette noted that even if the land was turned over for the project, the Commission would still have jurisdiction if the project were within 100’ of wetlands. The Commission as a whole believes that it might be a great idea and is supportive of the project and would be receptive to receiving a letter for their approval from the City Solicitor accompanied by a plan. They would also like it made clear that there would be no issues with the City being the applicant or leasing out the rights.

Conservation signs

A sample of the foam material was supplied to members for their consideration. Kathy will put together a table showing the various options & pricing.

Adjourn

Mr. Doucette moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM, seconded by Ms. Hickey; and voted unanimously in favor.