

Melrose Conservation Commission
Minutes for October 20, 2011

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

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

Discussion

Members officially welcomed Erin Heacock as a new Commission member.

Certificate of Compliance

802 Lynn Fells Parkway (217-0182)

A letter was submitted by the Engineer which gave the calculations of the elevations and the amount of flood storage. Members wanted to assure that the current flood storage would remain and, therefore, decided that condition #13 from the Order of Conditions "The work shall conform to the plans and special conditions referenced in this order." be added to the Certificate of Compliance as an ongoing condition.

Mr. Nerden moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance. Mr. Doucette seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Discussion

7 Cedarwood Lane (217-0170)

The homeowners will submit a definite work schedule by the 11/3/11 meeting

Boardman Ave. – easement wording

Members reviewed and edited the wording for the detention basin easement submitted by Atty. Izzi, email attached. The edited version will be sent back to Attorney Izzi for his confirmation.

Minutes

Mr. Doucette moved to approve the minutes for September 15, 2011. Mr. Nerden seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Correspondence

Mr. Ventura, from 88 Granite St., has sent a letter advising that he is suing the Conservation Commission. He is upset with the work that was done next door at 17 Burnett St. Ms. Murphy summarized the history that has taken place at 17 Burnett St. Mr. Ventura has repeatedly expressed his concerns with the site, continual flooding onto his property, mosquitos, etc. Ms. Murphy spoke with the new owners at 17 Burnett St. and asked if they would consider connecting to the City drainage. The owners received an Order of Conditions to do the work and also gave an extension. The City recently completed drainage work in the area and the Commission asked if a stub could be left for Mr. Wohlen, the owner of 17 Burnett to connect into, but the work was never done, and the extension expired January 2011. The work that was done under DEP# 217-0128 for the construction of a single-family house at 17 Burnett St. received a Certificate of Compliance, December 16, 2004. Mr. Ventura feels that the Commission should have made the owners connect to the drainage and should give an Enforcement Order for not complying. Members disagreed with the wording in Mr. Ventura, Jr., letter that the Conservation Commission was complicit in issuing a Certificate of Compliance, saying that it's not within the Conservation Commission's power to make an owner perform work if not in violation. Members discussed initiating a joint project with the owners and the city or just having the City Solicitor, Mr. Van Campen, respond back to Mr. Ventura. Ms. Murphy is to talk with Mr. Van Campen and explain how the Commission has tried to solve the issue.

Printing Maps

The tax maps, indicating wetlands, floodplain, and various town-owned properties, have been completed and are ready for print.

Mr. Doucette moved to approve printing of the maps, seconded by Mr. Nerden.
Discussion: Ms. Murphy wanted to review the maps for city drainage.

Signs

A list of the suppliers and materials with prices was given to members. Unfortunately, suppliers use many different materials and the choice is still hard to compare. Kathy was asked to get a sample of the Komacel Exterior material.

Adjourn

Mr. Doucette moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM, seconded by Mr. Anderson; and it was voted unanimously in favor.